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Lawson aims at tax and base rate cuts

Upbeat message for City after crash

By Robin Oakley and Rodney Lord

Mr Nigel Lawson is expected to give MPs an optimistic picture of the economy in his autumn statement today which will show him with room for manoeuvre for a further round of tax cuts in next spring's Budget.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer's statement could also be the trigger for a further cut in base rates.

Mr Lawson is planning a characteristically upbeat counter to the gloom spread by the recent stock market contortions.

Allowing for the effect of the stock market slide, Mr Lawson is expected to shade downwards his previous forecast of economic growth. But he will also outline lower expectations for inflation.

The Chancellor, who can do little wrong in Conservative eyes at the moment after his effective role in the election campaign and his triumph over the BP flotation on Thursday, will not give any direct indication of the scope for tax cuts in his statement.

But he is known to be aiming for a reduction in the higher rates of income tax early in this Parliament and he promised at the Conservative Party conference last month to bring the standard rate down to 25p in the pound as soon as it is prudent to do so.

What Mr Lawson will offer MPs is the evidence to help them gauge what would be prudent, by forecasting that public borrowing will be well below previous estimates — perhaps a balanced budget as against the original prediction of a £4 billion borrowing requirement outlined in his Budget statement last March.

Although some market economists are predicting a zero public sector borrowing requirement for the current year, the Chancellor is expected to be more cautious. But he is almost certain to announce a reduction on the £4 billion target given in the Budget, implying scope for tax cuts.

In his autumn forecast of the economy the Chancellor is expected to project both lower growth and lower inflation than previously. Growth next year is likely to be 2.5-3 per cent while inflation is now expected to be 4 per cent or below.

Conservative economists are arguing that the stock market collapse has reduced the demand for credit and the risk of the economy overheating in response to further tax cuts which might otherwise have had to be held back for that reason.

The Chancellor is expected to tell MPs that the spending limit agreed by the public expenditure Cabinet back in July of £154 billion has been exceeded by about £2 billion-£3 billion, but that it will still meet the Government's aim of a reduction in spending as a proportion of gross domestic product.

Pay awards to nurses, teachers and other public sector workers will cost more money. But the overall total will fall as a proportion of GDP in line with the Cabinet's agreement in July.

MPs believe that the main victims of squeeze in a public spending round which has done much to boost the growing reputation of Mr John Major, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, are likely to be the Ministry of Defence and the Department of Health and Social Security.

Ministers have been saying that Mr Major has displayed in his first public expenditure round an effective combination of firmness and political judgement. Mr Lawson's success public finances is one factor which could lead to a cut in base rates. But markets are also looking very closely at international developments.

"It's 50-50 this week for a cut in base rates", Mr Stephen Hannah, of County NatWest, said yesterday. "It is very much dependent on the Bundesbank and the Fed."

Today's weekly repurchase rate by the Bundesbank which is expected to be reduced from 3.80 per cent to perhaps 3.60 per cent will be a crucial influence.

Markets are also watching carefully the US Government's quarterly refinancing which begins today to see what degree of support it secures from Japanese investors. If the Bundesbank cuts its rate and US refinancing receives at least moderate support UK rates are more likely to fall.

The autumn statement is expected on balance to reassure markets. An increase in the public expenditure planning total of £154 billion of up to £3 billion has been discounted.

Mr Lawson: Can do little wrong in Tory eyes.

Mr Anil Gupta, the trainee accountant who ran up debts of more than £1 million in the stock market collapse, yesterday resigned from Touche Ross.

His assets have been frozen and County NatWest Securities and NatWest Stockbrokers are suing him for the £1,059,177.33 he lost by dealing in traded options.

Bomb case police lied, QC claims

A sense of loyalty had prevented police officers telling the truth about beatings inflicted on the men who confessed to causing the Birmingham public house bombings which killed 21 people, the Court of Appeal was told yesterday

Lord Gifford, QC, maintained on the opening day of the six men's appeal against conviction that the twin pillars of the prosecution case had been based on spurious scientific evidence and fabricated confessions extracted under physical and psychological pressure.

Amid tight security at the Central Criminal Court presided over by Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Gifford said police officers had remained silent at the trial about the beatings, fearing any mention might weaken the prosecution case. There would be evidence that statements taken by police were fabricated.

Lord Gifford submitted that the convictions could be among the gravest miscarriages of justice in recent times, with serious doubts now apparent about the validity of forensic evidence.

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Peter Brooke named new Tory party chairman

Mr Brooke leaving his Treasury office last night. (Photograph: Alan Weller)

MPs stunned by low-key appointment

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

Mrs Thatcher disappointed Tory MPs and ministers yesterday by naming the little-known Mr Peter Brooke, the Paymaster General, as the new chairman of the Conservative Party.

One minister described the appointment as "bizarre" and predicted that his tenure of office in Smith Square would end in tears.

"You need a big political figure in charge in what is going to be a difficult couple of years for the Government with the legislation over the poll tax, the education reforms and housing.

"The party faithful will need to be buoyed up and Peter Brooke is not the man to do it. He's a very nice, very amiable, very worthy man with a lot of friends, but he lacks that spark, that determination.

"She should have put in a hatchet man to sort out Central Office. Peter's part of the system."

A former senior minister said Mr Brooke had a "safe pair of hands" and would do and say nothing to cause an uproar.

Tory backbenchers were also generally disappointed that Mrs Thatcher had not chosen a more dynamic figure to replace Mr Norman Tebbit.

One said he was "dumbfounded" and could only assume that after the "debacle" of the withdrawal of Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, no front-line minister wanted the job.

Lord Young, the Prime Minister's first choice, ruled himself out of contention when he refused to relinquish any of his current responsibilities at the Department of Trade and Industry.

Staff at Smith Square, however, generally welcomed Mr Brooke's appointment, saying that the former whip and junior education minister was a solid, honest politician with excellent leadership qualities.

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"He will be quite a good figurehead", said one senior insider.

They acknowledged that he was hardly a household name among the party rank and file and would have to devote much of his energies to becoming better known.

It was widely believed at Westminister last night that Mr Brooke would be in post for only a couple of years before making way for a more senior figure in the run-up to the next election.

Mr Brooke, aged 53, takes

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Gorbachov rounds on Kremlin extremists

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Mikhail Gorbachov yesterday used the symbolic occasion of his key-note speech launching celebrations of the 70th anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution to try and heal the rapidly growing rift between conservatives and reformers inside the Soviet Communist Party.

He made two tactical concessions to the opponents of reform. In a move which severely disappointed many Soviet intellectuals he conspicuously failed in the keenly-awaited history section to spell out the grimmest details of the Stalinist terror. But he also delivered a sharp attack on those inside the party heirarchy whom he accused of "impatience" by demanding that the pace of reform be accelerated.

The marathon three-hour address to 6,000 delegates in the Kremlin was broadcast live on Soviet television. It came as Mr Gorbachov was faced by what senior diplomats here regard as the most serious political crisis of his career caused by deep differences inside the Politburo.

The speech came less than a fortnight after Mr Boris Yeltsin, the abrasive chief of the Moscow Communist Party, threatened to resign both his party and Politburo posts because of what he alleged was a campaign against the reforms being waged in the Communist hierarchy.

"It would be a mistake to take no notice of a certain increase in the resistance of the conservative forces that see *perestroika* (restructuring) simply as a threat to their selfish interests and objective," declared Mr Gorbachov.

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"This resistance can be felt not only at management level, but also in work collectives."

His warning followed reports of two recent strikes mounted by bus drivers and assembly-line workers against the economic reforms.

These are regarded by Western embassies as representing what one diplomat called "the tip of the iceberg" of industrial discontent sparked off by new, Western-style work methods.

In addition, *Pravda* last week published a front-page article urging its 10 million readers not to indulge in the wave of panic buying which it said was sweeping through many Soviet cities as a result of malicious rumours of impending price rises resulting from the reforms.

Speaking under a giant statue of Lenin, Mr Gorbachov said pointedly: "Nor can one really doubt that the conservative forces will seize upon any difficulty in a bid to discredit *perestroika* and provoke dissatisfaction among the people."

In what was seen as an indirect rebuff to Mr Yegor Ligachev, the Kremlin number two and the leading conservative voice inside the Politburo, the Soviet leader added angrily: "Naturally,

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Ombudsman for security services

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Sir Philip Woodfield, former senior Civil Servant at the Home Office and Northern Ireland Office, was named yesterday as part-time ombudsman for the security services.

Sir Philip, who is 64, will be available for consultation by any member of the security and intelligence services "who has anxieties relating to the work of his or her service", the Prime Minister said

The appointment of Sir Philip as independent staff counsellor follows recommendations by the Security Commission in their report following the imprisonment for spying of the former MI5 officer Michael Bettaney.

Bettaney had said there was no one in the security services to whom he could take his personal problems, a complaint also made by Mr Peter Wright in his book *Spycatcher*.

Sir Philip, was private secretary to three prime ministers, Harold Macmillan, Sir Alec Douglas Home and Harold Wilson .He was described yesterday by one Cabinet minister as "one of the old style Civil Servants."

He was appointed as chairman of the London and Metropolitan Government Staff Commission in 1984. Earlier this year, he was appointed to carry out an efficiency scrutiny for Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, of the supervision of charities

The Prime Minister said Sir Philip would have access to all relevant documents and to any level of management in each service and the the Cabinet Secretary. He will be able to make recommendations to him and to the heads of the services.

The Prime Minister said Sir Philip would report to the heads of the services and at least once a year to herself, the Foreign Secretary and the Home Secretary.

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Stock market survives its Settlement Day

By Our City Staff

Settlement Day on the stock market passed without drama yesterday, when investors had to settle their bills for the previous two-week stock exchange trading account, which included "Black Monday".

There had been fears that a number of smaller broking firms would be forced to cease trading because of the heavy losses clients had suffered, after the collapse in share prices around the world over the past couple of weeks.

A Stock Exchange spokesman said last night that all member firms due to make payments through the central settlement system had met their obligations. But it is possible that failures may occur in the next few days, if clients who have been given extra time to pay up fail to do so.

Share prices spent a quiet day. The FT-SE 100 index fell 26.1 to 1,723.7, while the narrower FT 30 share index lost 18.2 to 1,342.7. On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 13.93 at 2,007.46 in afternoon trading.

The dollar fell again, amid concern over slow progress in talks on the US budget deficit. In London, the pound gained 1.7 cents, closing at $1.7390.

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Irishman paid too much for coaster

By Christopher Mosey in Stockholm, Philip Jacobson in Brest, Roger Boyes in Valletta and John Cooney in Dublin

The fifty-year-old coaster seized by the French authorities with a huge haul of arms and explosives on board was bought by a "pleasant Irishman" in the summer for vastly more than its Swedish owner expected, it was disclosed yesterday.

The 239-ton Dutch-built Eksund, which has spent the last ten years plying across the Baltic with cargoes of grain, was valued at £35,000 by its owner Mr Bruno Gustavsson, but a Irishman who went to Sweden in the summer to buy it was prepared to pay £50,000 to secure the sale, and eventually did so. He said he wanted it to carry freight on African rivers.

Mr Gustavsson's agent, Mr Jan Schott of Goteborg, said he thought it was "remarkable" that the man, who made three trips to Sweden before signing a deal at the end of June, was prepared to pay so much.

Mr Gustavsson, speaking yesterday at his home in the port of Kalmar in the south-east of the county, said the buyer of his vessel was "a nice Irishman in his fifties", who said he represented a Panamanian shipping line. He said he was shocked to hear about the arms haul.

Mr Schott described the Irishman as "sympathetic". "He said the big advantage of the Eksund was that she could negotiate shallow waters and that he intended to use her on rivers in West Africa," Mr Schott said.

As they spoke the Eksund's current master, Mr Adrian Hopkins, an Irishman, was still being questioned with his four-man crew by French detectives in Brest about the 150-tonne booby-trapped haul of arms, ammunition and explosives found on their ship, the unloading of which

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CBI chiefs condemn poll tax

By Edward Townsend

Business leaders yesterday called on the Government to scrap the proposed uniform business rates and introduce a new, less expensive system to allow businesses to opt out of paying for the social services.

Delegates at the Confederation of British Industry's 11th annual conference in Glasgow made clear their opposition to the Government's proposals, which would "lead neither to greater accountability nor to a clear connection between spending and local taxation."

The CBI wants industry to contribute to the running of local services, such as the police and education, but wants to opt out of "bottomless pits" such as social services.

This, it believes, could achieve its aim of a 25 per cent cut in rates at a saving of about £2 billion on industry's £8 billion a year rates bill.

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Woolwich Arsenal may be rescued from ruin

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

The Ministry of Defence is to dispose of scores of listed historic buildings which it cannot afford to maintain or restore.

It has set up a Historic Military Buildings committee of government officials, heritage organizations, architects and developers to find alternative commercial uses for listed properties which are redundant and in several cases falling down.

The properties range from old naval roperies to Victorian barracks to gunboat yards. Top of the list come the Royal Arsenal at Woolwich, the Grahame White hangar at RAF Hendon where modern military aviation began, the Napoleonic East Barracks at Deal, and Fort Rowner at Gosport built by Lord Palmerston.

The move follows fierce criticism of the MoD's stewardship of its estate from the all-party Commons environment committee and others.

In a report on Britain's historic buildings and ancient monuments earlier this year, the Tory-controlled committee said the MoD was not following the highest standards of conservation expected of government departments and spoke of "the scandalous neglect suffered by some historic buildings at Woolwich Arsenal".

In a separate report on the Government's Property Services Agency the committee recorded the MoD's admission that many of its unused historic buildings receive "absolute minimum maintenance".

It continued: "We understand why MoD claim that they must spend their money on primary defence purposes, rather than maintaining the some 500 historic buildings on their estate. But we do not consider that such buildings should have been allowed to fall into such decay."

The committee, to be chaired by Mr Roger Freeman, Under Secretary of State at the ministry, will examine each site in turn and decide on the most appropriate use. If no military function is possible and if no heritage organization is interested in taking it on, the private sector will be invited to buy it for commercial, industrial or residential use on condition that it is properly restored and maintained.

While proceeds from the sales would in many cases be paltry because of the dilapidation of the properties, the MoD would derive considerable benefit from being freed of these substantial liabilities.

The committee includes Professor William Whitfield, a leading architect, Mr Stuart Lipton, an emminent commercial property developer, and representatives of the MoD, the Department of Environment and English Heritage. The Woolwich Arsenal will be the first site examined early in the New Year.

NEWS SUMMARY

Judge and jury hail child screens

Three child molesters were found guilty yesterday of a series of sexual attacks, thanks to a device which spared their victims from facing them in court.

Five abused youngsters gave evidence at the Central Criminal Court from behind a wooden screen which was later praised by both judge and jury.

Judge Pigot, the Common Serjeant, described the case as "harrowing and nauseating". The men, one of them the stepfather of four of the victims, will be sentenced today.

Rag dolls were used to help the children to describe the more explicit details of their abuse. Social workers sat near by, ready to comfort the children if they became upset.

Call for inquiry

Ministers yesterday demanded an inquiry into how a cross-Channel ferry left Boulogne for Folkestone on Sunday carrying 238 passengers more than its legal limit.

As soon as the error was detected, when tickets were double-checked on board, the captain turned round the Horsa and the extra passengers were left at Boulogne.

Sealink British Ferries, owners of the ferry, said it had not left the harbour when it turned back. The company held an inquiry yesterday.

Car theft charge

A businessman aged 33 was charged yesterday with stealing a car owned by Mrs Shirley Banks from Bristol who disappeared 26 days ago, just four weeks after her wedding.

John Cannan, of Bridge Road, Leigh Woods, Bristol was charged with stealing Mrs Banks's Mini Clubman. He was also accused of assault with intent to rob at a women's fashion shop in Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.

Mr Cannan was remanded in custody until Friday by Bristol magistrates.

Move to boost post

The Post Office has begun talks to see whether the standard of postal deliveries can be improved on Saturdays. Sir Bryan Nicholson, the chairman, is hoping staff will agree to a pilot scheme as part of his campaign to improve the service.

However his hopes of reaching agreement with staff on later collections and deliveries on Saturday are threatened by the threat of a strike by the Union of Communication Workers over a shorter working week which could seriously disrupt Christmas mail.

As the union ballots its members on the issue, Sir Bryan has said he would be prepared to see the Post Office monopoly surrendered rather than to give in to the union.

Promise for ANC

Two members of the African National Congress went to the High Court yesterday to ensure their personal safety and protect documents held by the police which may provide evidence for a damages claim against three men in an alleged kidnap plot.

Mr Solly Smith and Dr Frene Ginwala won legally binding promises from lawyers acting for the three men who had been accused, until charges were dropped last month, of planning to kidnap them and other leading ANC members.

Patients ruling

Health authorities have been warned by the Government it is illegal to charge mentally handicapped patients for community accommodation.

Many authorities have tried to fund community services for discharged handicapped patients by exploiting the social security payments to which such patients are entitled if they are admitted to private homes.

Some authorities have set up charitible trusts which have bought property as homes for mentally handicapped people.

5,000 support strike

The 5,000 staff of Manchester's social services department staged a half-day strike yesterday in support of their director who is being forced to to take early retirement.

The strikers, who were not called out by their unions, are campaigning to save the job of the city's Director of Social Services, Miss Irene Walton, aged 57, who has been told to leave her post by left-wing leaders of the city council.

About 1,000 workers demonstrated outside Manchester Town Hall and only emergency services operated. Workers say any shortcomings in services have been caused by council-imposed cuts and are not the fault of Miss Walton.

Two RAF pilots killed as Harrier jets collide

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

Two RAF pilots died yesterday when their Harrier GR3 jets collided over the Otterburn firing range in Northumberland.

The aircraft were making their second practice attack of the day against a series of simulated targets, using practice cluster bombs, rockets and cannon when, it is believed, they clipped wings and plunged into the ground.

The Harriers, from No 3 Squadron, had taken off from their home base at Gütersloh in West Germany and joined dozens of other aircraft from Nato air forces in Exercise Mallet Blow, held four times a year by the RAF to enable pilots to practise ground attack.

After a successful morning sortie the aircraft had flown to Lossiemouth, in Grampian, to rearm and refuel. They then joined a six-man formation attacking a simulated runway with penetration bombs. In a runway attack the aircraft fly in pairs in line astern with about 50 yards between them and each then breaks clear. The aim is to get all six aircraft through the target within 20 seconds.

Something went wrong, possibly as the aircraft split to avoid simulated missile sites, and the two planes crashed into the ground from less than 500 ft and at more than 500 mph.

The RAF immediately launched an inquiry into the accident, which brings to at least 35 the number of aircraft lost in low flying accidents over the past five years and the deaths of nearly 30 air crew.

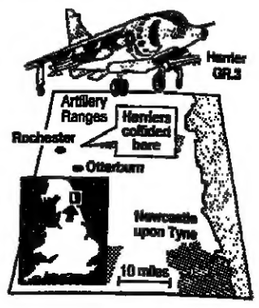
The Harriers of 3 Squadron are briefed to combat any sudden Soviet ground attack. They each cost about £11 million and are armed with bombs and rockets designed to penetrate heavy armour.

Crews regularly practise very low level high-speed attack runs against hulks of cars or buildings on the firing range at Otterburn.

The Harrier collision led to renewed calls for a full inquiry into low flying exercises. Mr Alan Beith, Liberal MP for Berwick on Tweed, said that he would be calling for a review. Pressure has been growing for some months for the RAF to seek low flying training areas overseas.

● The inquest on the pilot of the Harrier GR5 which flew unmanned for more than 500 miles after he was sucked out of his seat, has been put back to late January. The inquiry board believes that only if the Harrier's wreckage is raised from the bed of the sea off Ireland can it establish the facts in detail.

That will be a difficult task and the Royal Navy is still not convinced that the recovery vessel, HMS Challenger, can do it. Because the jet fell from 30,000 ft it is thought it may have broken up on impact and wreckage could be scattered over a wide area.



London may avoid poll tax switch in one go

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, is working on proposals designed to allow most of the country to switch to the poll tax in one go but to introduce special arrangements to mitigate the effects in central London.

With support for a one-off introduction growing, but little apparent backing among MPs for giving local authorities the discretion to decide whether to phase, Mr Ridley is again examining the London factor, which has always presented the biggest obstacle to his long-held desire for a straight introduction across the country.

With the Inner London Education Authority precept falling on top of the rates, there is deep opposition among MPs to the idea of central London going over to the poll tax in one go. In Camden, north London, it has been estimated that each adult would pay a community charge of £782.

MPs from the outer London area are thought to be keener on the idea of a single introduction. A Cabinet committee chaired by the Prime Minister will look at the latest options today but there is unlikely to be a final decision.

One possibility being considered by Mr Ridley is the introduction of general rules which would mean that only those councils whose rate income went above a certain fixed level would have to phase in the poll tax.

By setting the figure high, only the high-spending councils in inner London and certain pockets elsewhere would phase and the rest of the country could scrap rates earlier or even go for a single introduction.

● The Government is proposing a £30 million bail-out for the inhabitants of the City of London to save them from poll tax bills that could total £9,000 a head (Our Public Administration Correspondent writes).

The government scheme, the Association of Metropolitan Authorities said yesterday, would mean "effectively all poll tax payers will be subsidizing the City's expenditure".

In the first year of the community charge residents in the City, which has only 4,400 permanent residents but the wealthiest tax base in the country, face bills of £8,995 compared with a projected national average in England of £224.

Those large bills are because in Whitehall's eyes the City is a consistent overspender. If the City cut its spending to what the Government says it needs to spend, then its future poll tax bill would only be £178 a head.

Within three years of the poll tax being introduced, City residents could face bills of £9,512 a head.

The Department of the Environment has been seeking ways of saving the City from the consequences of the new system. Under poll tax, every pound a council spends above government-approved levels has to be met directly by the adult population. The City's overspending this year is about £37 million. Divided by the small resident population, that would produce huge individual bills for the residents of the Barbican and the few flats and houses elsewhere in the City.

The department's solution is to let the City keep some of the huge amount it collects in rates from City businesses. The Government proposes to take over business rates from every other council and then redistribute the proceeds, except in the City.

The problem is that such a scheme would cut by £30 million the money available to redistribute to other councils.

Plastic bullets fired at funeral

Mourners clashing with the RUC, who faced stones and glasses, at the funeral of the IRA men in Londonderry yesterday.

By John Cooney

Police in riot gear fired plastic bullets at Irish republican mourners after six shots were fired by a masked gunman during the funeral procession of two IRA terrorists in Londonderry yesterday.

The gunman fired six shots from a handgun into the air as the coffins of Edward McSheffrey and Patrick Deery were within reach of the city's cemetery.

After the gunman disappeared into the crowd, the Royal Ulster Constabulary quickly moved forward to surround the coffins. As stones and glasses were thrown at them, the RUC fired plastic bullets and used batons.

First reports indicated that four men and three women were admitted to hospital for injuries ranging from severe bruising to superficial cuts. Two RUC men also sustained injuries.

The procession had been held up for three and a half hours as police insisted that the mourners should not go through the republican Bogside area. The police feared that a provocative paramilitary display might be staged there.

Earlier the IRA and Sinn Fein had forced the local Roman Catholic Church authorities to allow the two coffins into St Eugene's Cathedral for the requiem Mass. That was in defiance of a ruling by Bishop Edward Daly forbidding the remains of IRA men to be present in the church during the service.

As the bodies approached the cathedral the diocesan administrator, the Rev Neil McGoldrick, told the families that the bishop was allowing the funerals under protest. He was allowing them admission to avoid "unbecoming scenes".

After the Mass, Irish tricolours were put on both coffins. Police were taken aback when the cortège began to move towards another exit. There was scuffling between police and mourners.

Mr Gerry Adams and Mr Martin McGuinness, Sinn Fein leaders, took part in the one and a half mile journey to the cemetery.

Taxmen press on with jockey inquiry

By Tony Dawe

Tax investigators are determined to complete their detailed inquiries into "under the counter" payments in horse racing before they accede to the Jockey Club's request to help put its house in order.

The taxmen believe it would be wrong to co-operate with racing's ruling body when leading jockeys still face possible prosecution in the wake of the Lester Piggott scandal.

Investigators from the Inland Revenue and Customs and Excise interviewed a dozen top jockeys during their inquiries, which led to the three-year jail sentence imposed on Piggott.

Customs officers, who were probing the failure to pay value added tax, have completed their investigation and say no further action will be taken. However, an Inland Revenue official said yesterday: "The investigation into the racing world, out of which the Lester Piggott case sprang, has not been concluded, but no prosecutions are pending at the moment".

The Jockey Club wrote to the Inland Revenue after the Piggott case, requesting advice on its rules governing payments to jockeys. Earnings, including riding fees and percentages of prize money, are laid down under the rules of racing and jockeys' retainers must also be registered with the club.

However "presents" to jockeys from grateful owners are not controlled and can include cash payments or even a share in a race-winning colt when it goes to stud.

One of the Jockey Club's aims is to produce a leaflet for jockeys telling them which of their earnings and presents are taxable.

The jockeys themselves are in dispute with the Inland Revenue over "owners' betting accounts" which were revealed during Piggott's trial. He had amassed £2.2 million in 12 years from the proceeds of bets placed by owners on winning horses he had ridden.

Other jockeys have similar but less well-endowed accounts and argue that no tax should be paid on them since the owners paid gambling duty when placing the bet. The dispute could yet end in the High Court.

Men in the news

A man 'too nice' for Central Office

Mr Peter Brooke, the new Conservative Party chairman, faces a formidable task (Our Political Editor writes).

Tory MPs were disappointed by his appointment yesterday. One after another said how nice he was and most went on to emphasize the need for somebody who was not very nice to be installed in Central Office to cut out the deadwood and reinvigorate the system.

"It has interim appointment stamped all over it", said one senior Tory. Another said: "Peter will be marvellous at soothing the National Union, but that isn't what we need".

One MP with working experience in Central office, said: "This is a safety first appointment when what we need is a vigorous company doctor from outside".

Few men in Government are considered straighter than Mr Brooke. He is unfailingly courteous and it is doubtful if he has an enemy in politics. But no one can recall a Brooke speech which has made the headlines. His style is sober, verging on the ponderous.

The son of the former Conservative Home Secretary, Lord Brooke, Mr Brooke was educated at Marlborough, Balliol and the Harvard Business School. He was president of the Union in his Oxford days.

Mr Brooke, a widower with three sons, is a former Camden councillor and a former vice president of the National Union of Students. He was picked as candidate for the City of Westminster seat on the departure of Mr Christopher Tugendhat to become a Common Market Commissioner and has been an MP since February 1977.

He served in the Whips Office through the 1979-83 Parliament and then became an Under Secretary for Education in 1983.

In 1985 Mrs Margaret Thatcher switched him to the Treasury as Minister of State and he has made his mark there as a solidly reliable performer, gaining the additional title of Paymaster General in the post-election reshuffle.

A high-flyer who knows No 10 well

Sir Philip Woodfield, the retired Civil Servant appointed yesterday by the Prime Minister as the new Security Ombudsman, has had an operational relationship with MI5 and worked with several Prime Ministers (David Walker writes).

For seven months after Mr Harold Wilson, now Lord Wilson of Rievaulx, first became Prime Minister in the 1960s, Sir Philip served as his private secretary, specializing in parliamentary and home affairs. He left Number 10 in April 1965 to become secretary of the special committees headed by Lord Mountbatten of Burma that investigated immigration into Britain and prison security.

As a Civil Service high-flyer, Sir Philip had worked as a private secretary at Number 10 since 1961, under the late Lord Stockton (Mr Harold Macmillan) and Lord Home of the Hirsel. The Home Office was the department in which he made his career; he moved in 1972 to help Lord Whitelaw establish the Northern Ireland Office.

Working as a deputy secretary at Stormont during the 1970s, it is virtually certain that he dealt directly with the security service in the battle against IRA terrorism. Sir Philip later became permanent secretary at the Northern Ireland Office.

Mrs Thatcher has appointed a man who — judging by his membership of the Garrick club and his reputation among former colleagues as a "keen party-goer" — does not lack humanity.

Since his retirement he has been useful to his former department and others as a "fireman". He headed the Staff Commission looking after the interests of local government officials displaced by the abolition of the Greater London Council and the metropolitan counties; most recently, he entered the legal minefield surrounding charities to conduct a scrutiny of the way they are regulated.

Fines for drivers in thick fog

Motorists driving without dipped headlamps in thick fog on the M25 yesterday were stopped by police and given fixed penalty tickets (Our Motor Industry Correspondent writes).

Slow-moving traffic on the M25 and M3 made it easier for police to pull drivers over to issue £12 penalty tickets.

Police in Warwickshire equip motorway patrol cars in foggy conditions with signs instructing motorists to switch on their lights.

At Heathrow Airport yesterday morning visibility was down to 100 yards. More than 100 flights were cancelled, with 37 in-bound services diverted to other airports.

It was after midday before airlines began to clear the backlog. Birmingham airport was also affected, visibility falling to 300 yards.

● Mr Brian Smith, aged 39, was crushed to death when a crane driver failed to see him through the swirling mist as he supervised the loading of a ship at Felixstowe Port in Suffolk.

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Urban regeneration

East End prosperity sought

A brass band playing the BBC's *EastEnders* theme tune heralded the rebirth of Glasgow's own East End yesterday.

Mr Michael Forsyth, Under Secretary of State at the Scottish Office, and Mr Donald Dewar, shadow Scottish Secretary, inaugurated the East End Executive, the team which has accepted responsibility for renewing an area that was once synonymous with deprivation.

The executive is the successor to Gear, the 10-year-old renewal project run by the Scottish Development Agency, Strathclyde Region and Glasgow District Council.

Using a mix of public and private sector finance, it aims to attract new enterprise and jobs to the area. At the launch, in the Winter Gardens of the People's Palace in Glasgow, both Mr Forsyth and Mr Dewar emphasized the importance of combining private enterprise with individual flair and public support.

Mr John Hooper, the executive's chairman, said: "The executive has come into being to energize this area of Glasgow and encourage the creation of an economic climate that will, in the long run, see a more prosperous East End".

A message of support from Mr Charles Wilson, editor of *The Times* and himself an Eastender, said: "I would like to think that Glasgow's East End will continue to be the standard against which other inner city projects are measured".

● More than 5,000 acres of inner London worth potentially around £5 billion lie derelict and unused, and against that background, the Association of London Boroughs, representing 15 Labour controlled councils, meets today to consider land development.

Planners involved with the development of inner London say that the same investment methods that transformed docklands from dereliction into some of the most highly valued real estate in the country, could develop land now lying fenced off and unrequired to provide industry, jobs and housing, particularly with a financial crisis looming next March when the new rates are set and council spending is cut

Twenty five years after the last scheduled steam train ran into Whitby, jobs could be steaming back into the Yorkshire port (Peter Davenport writes).

The Government and three local authorities are to fund a study to identify the best way of reintroducing steam trains as a means of creating new jobs through increased tourism.

Details of the plans were announced yesterday, at Pickering Station, owned by the private North York Moors Railway.

The £5,500 cost of the study, to be carried out by Freeman Fox, international consultants in railway engineering, will be met by the Development Commission for Rural England, North Yorkshire County Council and the local authorities in Ryedale and Scarborough.

At present, steam trains of the North York Moors Railway carry 350,000 passengers a year on an 18 miles line between Pickering and Grosmont.

Prisoners to move from camp

Rollestone Camp on Salisbury Plain, used to house prison inmates as an emergency measure, is to be handed back to the Army, Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, said yesterday.

The Home Office expects police cells to be emptied of Prison Department inmates in about a fortnight. At present 910 people are still held in police cells.

Mr Hurd said that more than 400 prisoners had stayed at the camp.

Self-destructing viruses to replace insecticides

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Scientists are developing a genetically engineered virus that will kill insect pests and then destroy itself.

Successful laboratory experiments for modifying the genes of a microbe known as a baculovirus so that it will "self destruct" once its task is completed were described yesterday by Professor David Bishop, of the Institute of Virology at Oxford.

Professor Bishop believes it will be about five years before a modified baculovirus and a number of other genetically altered microbes come into general use as an alternative to chemical sprays for controlling agricultural pests.

He was speaking to a meeting called by the Royal Society to discuss the risks and benefits associated with the release into the environment of genetically altered micro-organisms, plants and animals.

He said a method of biological control could be aimed at one particular pest without worrying if it would affect other wildlife, animals or people. Chemical insecticides were more indiscriminate, with the additional hazard that chemical residues persisted in the environment.

Professor Bishop said it was prudent to make sure new genetically created organisms released for biological control would eventually kill themselves.

The Oxford research team has applied for permission from the new government committee for the release of genetically engineered organisms to try out the self-destruct virus in Scotland for infecting a moth caterpillar that attacks pine trees.

The experiment would be the second part of a three-stage research programme to make control of infestation of pine trees more effective.

The types of viruses chosen by Professor Bishop's group already exists in nature. Two have been used in their non-altered form for biological warfare against the caterpillars of the pine sawfly moth and the pine beauty moth.

The micro-organisms are sprayed over the leaves and swallowed when a hungry caterpillar chews a leaf.

The object of genetic engineering is to make the virus a more potent toxin to the caterpillar.

In testing the idea, the scientists had first to show that they could identify a strain altered in the laboratory from a naturally occurring one and, second, cause it to self destruct.

The self-destruct mechanism occurs because viruses have a "protected" and "naked" form. Protection is given by a surrounding coat of protein that protects the viral particle.

By deleting one of the genes in the virus, the protein coat is absent. With no protection, the microbe is easily destroyed when it is shed by a dead caterpillar.

Labour criticizes curb on benefit payments

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

Proposed curbs on the payment of several social security benefits were yesterday criticized by the Labour Party which argued that 700,000 people would have their benefits reduced or withdrawn.

Mr Robin Cook, Labour spokesman on health and social security, condemned the plan to stop paying unemployment benefit to anyone under the age of 18 who chose to remain out of work.

Speaking during the second reading of the Social Security Bill, Mr John Moore, the Secretary of State for Social Services, outlined the Government's plan to strengthen the links between participation in work and the payment of benefits.

Any school-leaver under 18 who refused a Youth Training Scheme place would have his benefit withdrawn.

There will be tighter conditions before unemployment and sickness benefit is paid and stricter rules for the payment of unemployment benefits to those retiring at 55 with occupational pensions.

Birmingham pub bombings

QC faults forensic evidence that led to life term for six

By David Sapsted

Fundamental doubts surround the competence and credibility of a Home Office forensic scientist whose evidence was crucial to the convictions of six men for the murders in the Birmingham public house bombings, the Court of Appeal was told yesterday.

Lord Gifford, QC, told the court on the first day of the appeal – switched from the Law Courts to the Central Criminal Court on security grounds – that the findings of Dr Frank Skuse had "cast a blighting shadow" over the police investigation and the trial.

The judges, the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane, Justice O'Connor and Justice Simon Brown, were told by Lord Gifford that the six appellants had to be counted among the victims of the Birmingham bombings 13 years ago while those truly guilty remained free.

He said that in the wake of the bombings on November 21, 1974, in which 21 people died and more than 150 were injured when the Mulberry Bush and the Tavern in the Town public houses in Birmingham city centre were blown up, "the whole country was affected by the horror of these crimes".

There was enormous anger and attacks on Irish property. "The question was whether the process of law was free from that emotion or whether the police, expert witnesses and distinguished lawyers and judges have not given their best in this case."

Lord Gifford said fresh evidence would be presented in a challenge to the original scientific tests purporting to show that at least two of the six had handled nitroglycerine.

He also contended that the written confessions made by four of the appellants had been extracted after beatings, threats and psychological pressure by the police during the first two days the six were held in custody.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, referred the case to the Court of Appeal in January after a campaign over the convictions and life sentences imposed on Hugh Callaghan, aged 57; Patrick Hill, aged 42; Robert Hunter, aged 41; Richard McIlkenny, aged 53; William Power, aged 42; and John Walker, aged 52.

Lord Gifford said that five of the six, all of whom were republican sympathizers, were arrested on the night of the bombings at Heysham, Lancashire. They were on their way from their Birmingham homes to attend the funeral of James McDade, an IRA man who had blown himself up planting a bomb outside the Coventry telephone exchange. The sixth man, Callaghan, was later arrested in Birmingham.

Dr Skuse, then at the North West Forensic Science Laboratory, administered Greiss tests to the hands of the five originally held and found that Power and Hill both had positive readings.

That test, Lord Gifford said, is considered only a presumptive or screening test. "That is, you cannot make a positive diagnosis on the presence of nitroglycerine by the Greiss test alone."

Yet Dr Skuse had told the trial that he was 99 per cent sure that the tests proved the men had handled the explosive.

Lord Gifford questioned the way those and subsequent tests were conducted and claimed that recent work by scientists had shown that the method used by Dr Skuse could result in positive readings from the nitro-cellulose used in such things as varnishes, paints, playing cards and cigarette packets.

"We submit that the whole history of this scientific dispute throws the gravest doubt on Dr Skuse's competence as a scientist and his credibility as a witness", he said.

The initial positive findings must have had "an electrifying effect" on the West Midlands officers who had travelled to Lancashire to interview the men, he said.

Between 9.30am on November 22 and 7.30pm the following day, four had made written confessions. "The appellants said they had been assaulted, threatened, abused, intimidated, deprived of food, deprived of sleep, and subjected to such physical and psychological pressure that four of them succumbed and put their signatures to false confessions that had been written out by police officers", he said.

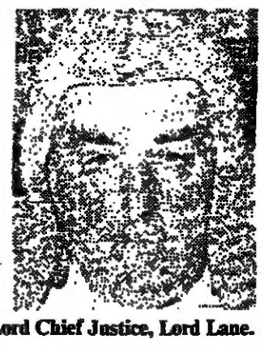
He listed allegations by the six that they had been beaten in the body, face and genitalia after they had been taken to Birmingham; that their lives had been threatened by police officers, one of whom was said to have put a revolver in Callaghan's mouth; and that they were told their families were in danger of being lynched.

They were also not allowed to sleep and were given no food between breakfast on the November 22 and a pork pie 36 hours later, Lord Gifford submitted. "It was the overall combination of pressure which caused those who broke down and confessed in writing, to do so."

Observers in the court yesterday included Mr Andrew O'Rourke, the Republic of Ireland's ambassador in London, and Mr Christopher Mullin, Labour MP, whose book on the case, *Error of Judgement*, was one of the main reasons why Mr Hurd referred it to the Court of Appeal.

Others occupying the special section set aside for observers included the Bishop of Derry; Mr Paschal Mooney, an Irish senator; Mr Frank Doris, a Massachusetts state senator; and Mr Michael O'Riordan, chairman of the Irish Communist Party.

The hearing continues today.



Lord Gifford (left) and the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane.

Appeal of Private Micklewhite

Michael Caine, the film actor, launched the 1987 Poppy Appeal yesterday at the Banqueting House in Whitehall, London.

The former 22486547, Fusilier Micklewhite, M (Mr Caine's real surname), said he was one of the lucky ones, who returned home "sound in mind and body" after service with the Royal Fusiliers in Korea.

He said he had agreed to take part in the Royal British Legion appeal because he felt it was important to remember the battles of the past to avoid battles of the future.

Mr Ted Jobson, chairman of the appeal, said he hoped the week of fund-raising, ending on Remembrance Sunday, would see record sums collected to help war victims and their families.

Mr Caine said he had no objection to white poppies being circulated by the Peace Pledge Union if they were to provide money for the appeal fund.

However, General Sir Edward Burgess, former Deputy Supreme Allied Commander in Europe and current president of the legion, said the peace campaigners ought to choose an alternative time of year for their appeal.

(Photograph: John Rogers)

Portfolio Gold

£4,000 win heralds festivities

Mr David Walker, winner of yesterday's £4,000 prize in the Portfolio Gold competition, intends to use his winnings to make Christmas an occasion to remember at his home in Bedfordshire. After that, he hopes to take his wife and young son on a new year holiday to Greece.

Mr Walker, aged 41, of Gainsborough Drive, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, is a commodity broker and occasionally has unexpected windfalls but never in competitions. However, over the past few weeks, he has been close to winning Portfolio on several occasions and felt luck was with him.

He said: "I knew that my day wasn't far away and it's rather nice that it has happened; rather like having a good day at the office".

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Guard lit fires

Paul Martin, aged 23, a security guard, of Chestnut Drive, Marton, Middlesbrough, was jailed for three years for arson and attempted arson by Teesside Crown Court after starting five fires on his first two nights at a £100 million oil installation.

Crash award

Mr Gustave Simonon, a teacher, who was left with severe brain injuries after a car crash in 1983 in which his wife died was awarded £250,000 damages in the High Court yesterday.

Lawyers are sued over divorce of Ringo Starr

The former wife of Ringo Starr, the Beatles drummer, is suing the solicitors who acted for her in the divorce for breach of contract and negligence.

In a High Court action in London which is expected to last three weeks, Mrs Maureen Starkey (her former husband's real name is Richard Starkey), alleges that the London legal firm Withers did not properly investigate Ringo Starr's means and financial affairs or the adequacy of the divorce agreement.

The couple were divorced in 1975. Included in the settlement was provision for a cash payment of £125,000 to Mrs Starkey, the court was told.

Mr Thayne Forbes, QC, for the plaintiff, said that Mr Charles Doughty, a partner in Withers who dealt with Mrs Starkey, "knew full well and acknowledged from the beginning, that Mrs Starkey had no understanding whatsoever of financial affairs".

Mr Forbes said his client had been under great stress.

The solicitors deny negligence. The hearing continues.

BA fifth in poll on airlines

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

British Airways is the world's most improved airline but it has a long way to go before it can justify its claim to be "the world's favourite".

According to the most comprehensive survey yet undertaken of airline passengers' views, Swissair and Singapore Airlines consistently outshine all the rest.

Although British Airways is easily the most improved airline, it is still only fifth overall out of the 100 airlines mentioned in the poll.

"The survey is saying to BA 'you have come a long way, but you have still got a long way to go'", Mr Geoffrey Lipman, executive director of the International Foundation of Airline Passenger Associations, which conducted the survey, said.

The foundation, whose survey was largely funded by Boeing and McDonnell Douglas, interviewed more than 30,000 international passengers. It discovered there was a close link between the efficiency of an airport and the airline operating from it.

Singapore's Changi airport, for example, figured prominently among the most widely preferred airports.

"In Europe passengers are becoming aware of the constraints imposed by a lack of airport space and we have somehow got to push for those constraints to be lifted", Mr Lipman said.

The survey shows that punctuality is by far the most important factor in influencing the choice of regional airline, with convenient scheduling topping the list for flights lasting between two and five hours.

Daughter was killed by mother

A mother who pushed her daughter, aged four, to her death from the window of the tower block in which they lived was jailed for five years yesterday.

The High Court in Edinburgh was told that a boy in a flat above saw what he thought was a doll falling from the fifth floor window of Georgina Walker's home 59ft above the ground.

Walker, aged 31, a mother of two, of Cables Wynd House, Leith, Edinburgh, first claimed her daughter Michelle had fallen but later admitted pushing her from the window.

She was charged with murder on July 12 this year. However yesterday she pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of culpable homicide due to diminished responsibility.

Mr Donald Mackay, QC, for the defence, said Walker had found it extremely difficult to cope with her daughter when she had another baby, a boy currently awaiting adoption.

European art sets world records

By Sarah Jane Checkland, Art Market Correspondent

Two world records were set yesterday as the European art market showed few signs of reflecting the depressed state of stock exchanges.

A watercolour landscape by the English nineteenth century artist David Roberts, "The Pool of Bethesda", went for a record £39,600 to Agnews at Phillips. The sale of English drawings and watercolours achieved a total of £320,045, although 26 per cent remained unsold.

A disappointment was the set of five murals of birds and cats by Edward Burne-Jones, estimated at up to £10,000 each, which failed to sell.

In Amsterdam, at its annual Dutch, Flemish and German drawings sale, Sotheby's was left with an important Rubens drawing in red chalk, "Moses Striking the Rock".

Top lot was a picture of dogs' heads attributed to Van Dyck which fetched £82,290. The world record at the sale was £24,687 for a drawing of a male nude by the seventeenth century Dutchman Adriaen van de Velde, bought by B Haboldt, the New York dealer.

Mr George Gordon of Sotheby's said some Americans had been dissuaded from bidding, although he added: "The stock market hasn't had an effect in Holland, and so they were fairly unruffled".

The total takings for the sale were £341,753, with 21 per cent unsold.

A fine Chinese export punch bowl dated about 1805, possibly made for Sir Charles Price, Lord Mayor of London and Master of the Ironmongers' Company, was bought at Christie's by the same company for £26,400. It is considered one of the finest paintings on porcelain made for the European market.

SALEROOM

Blackmail fear over race Bill

By Clifford Longley
Religions Affairs Correspondent

A campaign supported by the church to oppose proposals in the forthcoming Immigration Bill was begun yesterday.

The Bill, which has not yet been published, is expected to deny persons claiming welfare benefits the right to be joined from abroad by elderly members of their family. A church conference at the weekend deplored that as an attack on family life.

Mr Paul Boateng, Labour MP for Brent South and chairman of the conference called by the British Council of Churches, said yesterday it would be "fraught with danger" to change the law so that overstaying in Britain beyond the permitted period of residence would be a criminal offence.

The conference felt it would encourage blackmail. Now, the law limits the offence to the first 12 months of overstaying.

Storm-struck fruit growers seek help

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

Horticultural industry leaders lobbied the Ministry of Agriculture yesterday, seeking help for growers faced with bills for millions of pounds after hurricane force winds struck South-east England 19 days ago.

Mr Jeremy Sayers, chairman of the central horticultural committee of the National Farmers' Union, told Lady Trumpington, Parliamentary Secretary at the ministry, that at least 250,000 fruit trees had been blown out of the ground and a further 500,000 badly damaged.

About 14,500 tonnes of fruit had been blown off the trees and a further 8,500 tonnes in cold stores were at risk because of power failures. The worst affected areas were Kent, Sussex and parts of Hampshire.

Hop growers have also been badly affected. In Kent, seven or eight hopfields are reckoned to be total losses. Elsewhere trees planted to protect the plants from high winds have fallen across the supporting wires.

Mr Sayers said his delegation had received a sympathetic hearing. The industry's assessment of the damage more or less coincided with the ministry's assessment.

He and his colleagues were asking for an extension of the grant scheme for replanting fruit trees and rebuilding glasshouses, which was introduced to encourage growers to modernize and which was due to expire next April.

Mr John Gummer, Minister of State for Agriculture, said yesterday that there was likely to be more sympathy for those who had suffered uninsurable losses, such as the destruction of fruit trees, than for glasshouse growers, for example, who should be covered by insurance.

● The cost of last month's storm should be known later this week.

The Association of British Insurers which represents many of the country's insurance companies will be announcing its official estimate of the cost of the storm, which killed more than twenty people.

Three of the biggest British insurance companies, Sun Alliance, Prudential and Norwich Union, are already reporting a combined total of more than £100 million in claims.

Damage to the twelfth century church of St Denys, Rotherfield, in the diocese of Chichester, could amount to £600,000.

The Department of Education said uninsured storm damage to schools in the south of England could cost more than £35 million.

The Inner London Education Authority says the cost of repairing the storm damage to 300 schools will be about £3.5 million.

Plans to revive the English hop industry after a quarter of a century of decline at the hands of Continental lager were announced yesterday.

Mr Hugh Philbrick, chairman of English Hops Ltd, said that in 1963, English and West German production of hops was roughly equal at about 13,000 tonnes a year. Since then, output in England had fallen to around 5,000 tonnes, while in Germany it had increased to some 35,000 tonnes; in the past five years alone the English hop acreage had halved.

In an attempt to reverse the decline, English Hops has formed a new partnership with Hopunion Dower Wood Ltd, itself a joint venture by a firm of East Anglian barley merchants and a Nuremberg company which has interests in the United States, Denmark, Switzerland and Australia.

The new company has acquired what is described as the only large hop extraction plant in Britain from Pauls Hop Products, in Reigate, Surrey which will shortly be moved to Paddock Wood, in Kent.

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PARLIAMENT

Parkinson rejects CBI fears on power price rises

The Government and the Opposition clashed during Commons questions over privatization of the electricity industry.

Mr John Prescott, chief Opposition spokesman on energy, asked if the Government agreed with Lord Marshall, chairman of the CEGB, that privatization would mean the industry would lose the benefits of economies of scale, that it would seriously prejudice security of supplies and would increase prices?

Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, said that he did not accept such conclusions.

Electricity is provided to British industry at very competitive prices, Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, said at question time. He did not share the view attributed to Mr John Banham, Director General of the Confederation of British Industry, that privatization would lead to a £1.2 billion increase in industrial electricity prices.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Workington, Lab) had asked Mr Parkinson how he responded to Mr Banham's remarks, that there would be such an increase and that it would reduce industry's competitiveness.

Mr Parkinson said that he did not share that view.

The electricity industry provided power at competitive prices to industry, which needed a secure supply. That meant a huge investment programme between now and the year 2000.

"We are concentrating on having a modern supply for the years ahead. That must be a great boon to industry."

In reply to a question about capital investment plans, Mr Parkinson said that the electricity industry was entering a period of intensive growth and re-equipment and during this year intended to spend £1,300 million on capital investment. In 1988-89, capital investment would increase and should rise thereafter on an increasing trend.

Mr David Atkinson (Bournemouth East, C) said that power workers had done and were doing a tremendous job in restoring power supplies after the hurricane, which had demonstrated the vulnerability of overhead power lines as well as their detrimental effect on the environment.

They should spend capital on distribution as well as on generation.

Mr Parkinson echoed the tribute to power workers. They had repaired in two weeks the rural network, which had taken 20 years to build.

This year and next year they would be spending more on the transmission system than on generation and they recognized the need to reorganize the transmission system.

He could not promise that all power lines would be put underground because the cost was huge, about ten times more than overhead lines.

Mr Peter Rost (Erewash, C) said that the CEGB should not be permitted to build new power stations unless they could be justified by the commercial rates of return on the money borrowed.

Mr Parkinson agreed that the electricity industry should raise its money on the market and make its investment on a sound commercial basis. The present generation of nuclear power stations was getting old and many coal-fired stations required replacement. They were entering a period of massive re-equipment and reinvestment.

● The future of the coal industry depended on its performance and not on any understanding with the CEGB over supplies, Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, said during Commons question time.

Asked about the implications for coal of the proposed privatization of the electricity suply industry, Mr Parkinson said that the taxpayer was funding a large and continuing investment programme for the modernization and development of British Coal which, if properly utilized, should result in British Coal's being a most efficient supplier, able to meet the demands of a privatized electricity supply industry efficiently and effectively.

Mr Cecil Parkinson: Huge investment programme.

Mr Kevin Barron (Rother Valley, Lab) said that about sixty million tonnes of coal were now supplied to the CEGB at less than current prices. In any break up of competitive generation industry, would the CEGB be instructed to carry on this supply to protect the mining communities of Britain?

Mr Parkinson said that he could not bind a privatized industry to buy coal from any particular supplier. But if British Coal was a reliable, efficient and competitive supplier, there would be no reason for the supply industry to look elsewhere for coal.

The Government was looking to British Coal to use investment in the industry well. Management and unions should stop wasting time on useless work-to-rules and overtime bans and get down to the business of developing modern working methods.

Mr John Marshall (Hendon South, C) said that the price of coal had a big impact on the price of electricity. If the electricity industry were to buy coal at world prices instead of being a captive customer of the coal board, the price of electricity to everyone would fall significantly.

Mr Parkinson said that British Coal paid a higher price than the most marginal world price, but that cost could be overstated.

If the CEGB stopped buying supplies from British Coal and went into the market for 70 million tonnes, the price would move.

British Coal had realized its future was not dependent on any agreement between industries, but on its performance.

Mr Allan Rogers (Rhondda, Lab) said that if the Government were to shut down every farm that was inefficient, where consumers, including coalminers, had to buy at well over world prices, that would stop the hypocritical cant of Tory members.

Mr Parkinson said that the Government did not want to close down either coal or agricultural industries. British Coal had a bright future, depending on its performance and not on any understanding with the CEGB.

Overtime ban 'is mindless'

COAL

The Labour Party should ask its friends in the National Union of Mineworkers to think again about their mindless and damaging overtime ban, which was the most ridiculous aspect of British Coal's industrial relations at present, Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, said during questions in the Commons.

He was answering Mr Alex Eadie, an Opposition spokesman on energy matters, who had condemned British Coal for "the bad state of industrial relations" in the coal industry.

Mr Eadie, who is sponsored by the NUM, said that the board of British Coal had been found to be deceiving the public by claiming that its code of conduct for mineworkers was based on a formula worked out by Acas, whereas it had not.

It was bad industrial relations – and it was ridiculous – for the board to say on the one hand that the NUM's industrial action was not effective, but, on the other hand, to deny NUM members their 4.8 per cent pay increase because of that action.

Mr Parkinson replied: The overtime ban is unnecessary, damaging to the interests of the miners and damaging to the industry.

He said that British Coal had made clear that it was prepared to discuss the details of the disputed code. But for a long time the NUM had refused.

The only point now outstanding was whether such disputes in future should be referred to pit umpires or to industrial tribunals. Over and over again, miners had shown that they preferred tribunals.

● There had been a big improvement in coalmining output and there was a great deal of potential for further improvements in the next couple of years, Mr Michael Spicer, Under Secretary of State for Energy, said during Commons questions.

He said that for the week ended October 10, average deep-mined revenue output a man-shift was 3.62 tonnes, an impressive increase of 50 per cent on the average of 2.43 tonnes for 1983-84.

Mr Spicer agreed that there had been considerable redundancies and feared that there would be more. But much of the productivity increase in Britain was due to the huge investment in heavy duty equipment that was now going on at the rate of £2 million every working day.

Miss Pauline Barrie (left), of the Women Artists Slide Library, Miss Miriam Karlin and Miss Alice Mahon, the MP who raised in the House yesterday the question of women artists (Photograph: Ros Drinkwater).

Social Security Bill an attack on the poor, minister is told

BENEFITS

The Social Security Bill was an attack on the poor, the Opposition said when the Bill came up for second reading in the Commons.

Mr Robin Cook, an Opposition spokesman on health and social security, strongly attacked all aspects of the Bill, which he said was the Government's annual exercise in excluding groups of claimants from benefit.

Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Services, said that the Bill, which stops unemployed school-leavers from obtaining social security benefits if they refuse to go on a youth training scheme, and amends other social security arrangements, achieved much in only a few clauses.

Opening the debate, he said that before 1979 Britain had no national programme for training young people.

Now, every 16 and 17-year-old was guaranteed a place of quality training. The programme had helped well over a million youngsters. Financial commitment to youth training was running at more than £1 billion a year.

Mr Robin Cook, chief Opposition spokesman on health and social security, said that the Bill had a familiar ring to it.

It provided the annual amendment to the 1986 Act, which had been hailed by the Government at the time as a major piece of social security legislation comparable to Beveridge and which would last 40 years.

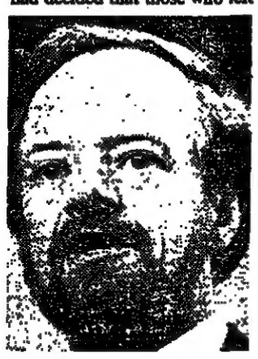
There had been only two parliamentary sessions since then, but in each the Government had presented a Bill to pour mortar in the cracks that had been discovered in the original Act. The Opposition had uncovered a further crack, but would not disclose it, perferring to wait until the amending Bill next year.

The Bill ran in a well worn groove in that the Government was presenting yet another social security Bill that excluded further groups of claimants from benefit.

One result would be that 170,000 unemployed claimants would be dropped off the unemployment register. The House was once again being asked to vote for a cut in the registered unemployed, not by providing employment, but by providing even more obstacles to obliging the Government to count them as unemployed.

The only good news was that the severe weather payments would continue until at least 1989, although the minister was given a degree of discretion in the amount he could pay and to whom.

But the seven-day period of cold weather had to start on a Monday. Unfortunately frost often chose to ignore the administrative convenience of starting on the first working day of the week. The Government ought to relate payments to any seven consecutive days.



Mr John Moore (left) and Mr Robin Cook, who clashed in the Commons yesterday on benefits for young people.

The remainder of the Bill was objectionable. Since 1948 the qualifying age for social security had been 16; now the Bill proposed raising it to 18. It was an odd moment in history to choose for such a change.

Few school leavers in 1948 had not been able to go straight into a job, so if there had been a time for removing benefit from the workshy, it had been then. Even in the mid-1970s three out of five school leavers went straight into work.

Last year, less than a fifth of school leavers had been able to obtain work. Yet this was the moment the Government chose to remove benefit from them.

The Bill would remove benefit from 92,000 16 and 17-year-olds because they were unemployed. The largest proportion of those, about 32,000, were those taking advantage of the 21-hour rule to study in college or part-time education to get qualifications that they would not get on YTS.

Then there were the homeless, many of whom left home because of violent or sexual harassment.

Certainly the Government had decided that those who left the parental home because of sexual harassment would still be able to claim benefit, but how would girls be able to prove that? It the light of the Cleveland experience that would be very difficult.

It would hardly be appropriate for young girls to have to discuss such matters with DHSS officers.

Even if successful, the payment would last for only a short time, until they joined the YTS. The problem this raised was that there was no board and lodging allowance attached to YTS, so the moment they entered YTS, while they might qualify for higher weekly benefit, they would lose the benefit that would keep a roof over their heads. How would that enable them to maintain an independent existence?

Most of the remaining 16 and 17 year olds in this group, far from being workshy, were desperate to find work and were taking whatever they could for as long as they could. They were demonstrating exactly the flexibility that the Government kept preaching to the rest of the workforce.

He rejected the principle that YTS should be made compulsory by the Bill and there were many other good reasons for opposing the Bill.

The first clause, concerning the attendance allowance, would affect the smallest number of people but it was the meanest.

Having been beaten in the courts by Mrs Moran, the Government was using its majority to beat Mrs Moran in Parliament. Among the losers would be mentally handicapped children and those who suffered from epilepsy. It would be difficult to think of any more vulnerable people who needed as much help as they could get.

Six thousand people had applied for attendance allowance on the basis of the Moran judgement. In all previous cases where new legislation would remove benefits, those who had already lodged applications had been entitled to have them assessed.

That was not so in this case. Mrs Moran's own allowance had not yet been determined. Even if her case got through, what about the other 5,999?

Mr Moore intervened to say that the Government would look sympathetically at appropriate amendments to the clause to deal with cases already in the pipeline.

Mr Cook said it would be churlish not to welcome what Mr Moore had said.

The Bill would remove unemployment benefit from 350,000 claims by tightening the contribution rules. It would remove the entitlement to welfare food or free milk from 220,000 mothers and children. Pregnant girls under 16 would lose their entitlement to free milk.

Luce is attacked on equal rights

WOMEN

Labour MPs launched a concerted attack on the Government in favour of equal rights for women during question time, with Mr Richard Luce fending off their charges, first in his capacity as Minister of the Arts, later as Minister for the Civil Service.

Mr Luce dismissed allegations of discrimination against women in the arts as nonsense. He later pointed to the number of women occupying senior positions in his office and said that others might follow his example, although he emphasized that people should be promoted on the basis of merit.

Conservative backbenchers jeered at the points being made by Labour, which were described as "feminism gone mad".

Mr Mark Fisher, Opposition spokesman on the arts, said that there was very real anger and frustration among female audiences about the bias against women. The jeering response of Conservative MPs was a display of male prejudice. He urged the minister to ask the Arts Council to do some research and to consult women artists.

One example was the fact that there had never been an exhibition by a woman artist at the Hayward Gallery.

Mr Luce said that a more fruitful approach was to encourage more women to participate in the arts. Women would be insulted if their work was selected on any grounds other than merit.

He pointed out that four out of the six artists whose work had been chosen to adorn Civil Service offices were women. There had been 10 exhibitions in the past five years at the Hayward Gallery that had included work by women artists.

The issue was first raised by Miss Alice Mahon (Halifax, Lab), who said that since 1910 only nine women had had shows at the Tate Gallery, compared with 200 men. That was blatant discrimination.

Mr Luce said that more than half of all exhibitions supported by the Arts Council included work by women artists.

● During questions on the Civil Service, Mr Christopher Butler (Warrington South, Lab) asked what progress had been made in encouraging women to apply to the Public Appointments Unit.

Mr Luce: A year ago the number of women was 18 per cent. Now it has gone up to 20 per cent. I regard it as an encouraging sign that more and more women who are willing to have their names on the list.

Miss Hilary Armstrong (North West Durham, Lab): We want to make sure that he [the minister] is supported in ensuring that women are able to make a full contribution. That 20 per cent is not a full contribution. If they were serious about appointing women on merit, the figure would be 52 per cent.

Mr Luce said that Parliament might set a slightly better lead. Other organizations should follow his example. He had a permanent secretary, an assistant permanent secretary, an assistant private secretary, a special adviser and a press secretary, all women.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Education and Science, Prime Minister. Chancellor's autumn financial statement. Employment Bill, second reading.
Lords (2.30): Criminal Justice Bill, committee, seventh day.

Bill 'thin end of wedge'

Peers fight Sunday racing

By Our Political Staff

Keep Sunday Special campaigners are planning an assault on Thursday on Lord Wyatt's Bill to allow racing and other sporting events on Sundays.

They have tabled 11 pages of amendments, which would emasculate the one-page Bill by:

● Continuing the ban on the Sunday opening of off-course betting shops;
● restricting racing to seven Sundays a year;
● writing in statutory protection for workers, such as stable lads; and
● setting up a local authority licensing system so that residents, the police and other likely opponents can make their objections to Sunday events.

Lord Graham of Edmonton, a senior Labour peer, and Viscount Brentford, chairman of the Keep Sunday Special campaign, will lead the opposition to Lord Wyatt, chairman of the Tote, during the Bill's detailed committee stage.

If they succeed, the Bill could leave the Lords in a much more restricted form.

Lord Graham said yesterday that his main objection is that the Bill would be the thin end of the wedge, leaving the way open for a major Bill to allow all shops to open on Sundays.

He pointed out that in Ireland, where horse racing on a Sunday is now legalized, off-course betting shops cannot operate. The Jockey Club has also argued that it plans to hold fixtures on only seven Sundays a year.

Lord Murray of Epping Forest, the former general secretary of the TUC, is backing the call for protection for workers. He is urging that no worker should be penalized for refusing to work on Sundays and for double time off in lieu for those who do work on Sundays.

Debate is ruled out on Iranian family's plea

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) refused to allow an emergency debate on the case of an Iranian family seeking political asylum in Britain having had it denied to them in Sweden. The family was granted a temporary stay in Britain on Saturday when one of them slashed her wrist as she boarded an aircraft bound for Sweden.

Mr Jeremy Corbyn (Islington North, Lab) said that Behvand Abdul Hosseini had been in active opposition to the Iranian regime in promoting trade unionism. Three of his colleagues had been executed. He and his family had been sent from Sweden on a flight for Iran, which had stopped at Heathrow. Here an application for asylum had been made. They had been taken to a detention centre and allowed to remain until Saturday when they were told to report to Heathrow for an interview.

When they arrived there, the courts were not sitting and lawyers and MPs could not be contacted. They were told that their application had been rejected and that they would be returned at once to Sweden.

When they boarded the aircraft, Parivash Moosavi, Mr Behvand's wife, had slashed her wrist.

The Speaker said the matter was not appropriate for discussion.

Research ignores 'unpopular' diseases

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Medical conditions that do not benefit from the support of well known charities are ignored by researchers because of lack of funds, a House of Lords select committee has been told.

Instead, research focuses on what is "solvable, interesting and popular", rather than related to the health problems of greater importance to the community.

The Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals (CVCP) also told the peers investigating priorities in medical research that there may be a long timelag before new discoveries can help patients.

It stated: "We are seriously concerned about the inadequate funding of the dual-support [University Grants Committee and the Medical Research Council] system and we were glad to see that the select committee indicated in its report on civil research and development that it considered both parts of the system were inadequately funded".

Between 1981 and 1985 the number of clinical academic staff paid for entirely out of university budgets fell by 12.7 per cent. The National Association of Health Authorities calculated that the loss of staff was equivalent to one complete medical school, which the CVPC considered an underestimate.

"Posts have been downgraded and chairs lost. Research has suffered as clinical academic staff understandably put their obligations to patient care and teaching first."

Lack of funds had made the universities turn to charities and foundations for help.

"The balance of university medical research is therefore, in current circumstances, of an inadequately funded dual-support system, heavily weighted towards projects funded by the medical charities.

"The well known priorities of charities whose funds derive from public subscriptions undoubtedly influence the focus of applications, as do those of the pharmaceutical industry. Medical conditions which do not have public appeal will be ignored because of a lack of funding."

The CVCP argued for more research: to prevent disease with high mortality rate among those aged under 50; to improve the quality of life of old people who suffer, for example, from dementia and incontinence; and in nutrition, degenerative arterial disease and cardiac and transplant surgery. However, it did not want basic research to suffer any more as a result.

In its blueprint to improve both the quality and quantity of medical research, it called for:

● More government funds for the University Grants Committee and the research councils to attract the best young scientists into research or back from abroad;
● changes in the career structure of young trainee doctors;
● closer collaboration between scientists;
● a better balance in medical schools between research, teaching and patient care.

The university heads also disclosed that the Medical Research Council can no longer fund all alpha-rated projects, which are regarded as essential.

"Like all research councils, it increasingly attempts to target its funding to specific priority areas which carries with it the danger of limiting too far the opportunities for the most able scientists to follow their own creative insights in developing new basic research lines."

New oilfield proposals are approved

The Government had approved 10 new oilfield developments this year, and another 11 were being considered, Mr Peter Morrison, Minister of State for Energy, said during Commons questions.

The latest estimates of remaining recoverable oil reserves were between 710 million tonnes and 2,050 million tonnes, compared with between 750 million tonnes and 1,880 million tonnes a year ago.

Mr Edward Rowlands, an Opposition spokesman on energy, wanted steps to be taken to ensure the development of contracts for British-owned supply companies.

Mr Morrison said: "The most important thing is that most employment should arise because UK-based companies get the orders".

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MILTON KEYNES

Tory group calls for private tenders on new NHS hospitals

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

All new National Health Service hospitals should be put out to competitive tender for management and clinical services as well as construction, the Centre for Policy Studies, the Conservative think-tank, said yesterday.

New capital projects costing more than £5 million, which have to be submitted to the Department of Health and Social Security for approval, should be tested against the private sector to see whether they could be provided more cost-effectively, Mr David Willets, director of the centre, said.

Speaking at a CPS conference on competition in the health service, Mr Willets said the department should also provide model long-term contracts which district health authorities could take out with the private sector. For example, a district could award a contract with a private hospital to provide hip operations for 10 years.

When health authorities needed new facilities, they should first decide whether those could be provided by the private sector more cost-effectively.

In Wales, a private medical company built, staffed and now manages a renal dialysis unit for NHS patients. The conference was told that while the company, Community Psychiatric Centres, delivered the service in Wales at a cost of £78 a patient, Yorkshire Regional Health Authority was spending an estimated £140 on each patient.

When the same company tried to build an acute psychiatric hospital for central Birmingham, the scheme failed due to local opposition from health authority members and unions, although the company undercut NHS costs by 50 per cent.

"The creation of new facilities for the health service does not have to be confined to the public sector", Mr Willets said. "When new developments are submitted to the DHSS and Treasury for appraisal, long-term contracts with private hospitals should be considered."

As that trend developed, private hospitals could use and create spare capacity specifically for NHS use, he added.

He also suggested setting up "social" health maintenance organizations, whereby the over-65s could be given individual grants for health care, to be spent on private, state or voluntary services.

"Payments made to an individual from the public purse, which could be spent on whatever provision they wanted, could get around the logjam which was identified by the Audit Commission", he said.

Debating the CPS report, *Healthy Competition*, published days before the Conservative Party Conference, the conference supported moves to introduce more competition to the NHS by implementing an internal market, where health authorities buy and sell services to and from each other and the private sector.

Mr Ray Robinson, deputy director of the King's Fund Institute, said that the scheme, which has the support of the Prime Minister and Mr John Moore, the Secretary of State for Social Services, should not be imposed nationally.

"I think the idea is a sound one, but it should be introduced through a series of demonstration projects. I think it should be possible to identify a particular region within the NHS which would be prepared to set up a limited internal market between its districts. We could then assess the impact on GP referrals and on the patients themselves", he said.

Young designers start on the right road

Two winners in the 1987 Schools Design Prize, organized by the Design Council and sponsored by British Aerospace, which aims to encourage the young to design products showing creative ability and potential for manufacture. Prince Edward presented prizes in the Science Museum, London. Catherine Powell (left), aged 16, of Woodbridge, Suffolk, wears the "crazy rhythm" duffle coat she designed while Simon Evans, aged 19, of Chesterfield, Derbyshire, rides his electrically assisted bicycle.(Photographs: Graham Wood)

Reformers seek more seats on Bar Council

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The group of barristers who took the Bar Council by storm when they stood for seats on an aggressive, reformist ticket two years ago are attempting to increase their representation in the elections this week.

The Campaign for the Bar already has 20 seats on the Bar Council, just over half the 39 "open" seats directly elected from the Bar and not reserved for specialists.

Thirteen of those are up for re-election and the campaign needs to retain its six if it is to hold an influential place on the council.

The candidates are: Mr Robin de Wilde, a founder member of the campaign, Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC, who is the silk representative, Mr Julian Malins, Miss Catherine Newman, Mrs Clare Tritton and, for juniors under seven years' call, Miss Marie Anderson.

The elections will also see a fierce contest for the key post of vice chairman, to succeed Mr Robert Johnson, QC, who will be next year's chairman of the Bar. Front runners are Mr Mark Potter, QC, London, and Mr Desmond Fennell, Midland and Oxford circuit.

Crime prevention: 2

New standard to be published on car security

*In the second article on the growing problem of car theft, **Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent,** considers what action must be taken by car manufacturers to make life more difficult for thieves.*

It is an infuriating thought that today's highly sophisticated cars can be broken into with such simple tools as a thin strip of metal, packing-case tape or a hammer and centre punch.

For years, car manufacturers ignored basic design flaws that made their models easy prey for thieves. However, a new British standard will be published in January which should help to deter the opportune car thief, if not the skilled professional.

The guidelines are the result of two years of talks between car makers and police. To become a legally enforced standard for new cars, they must first be adopted by the EEC and so for the moment it will be left to public pressure to determine the measures adopted by manufacturers.

Improved locks and the introduction of dead-locking are undoubtedly the most important changes. Most cars are broken into by releasing the lock using a "Slim Jim" tool or breaking the side glass to open the door from inside.

Locks will have to be more durable so that they cannot be "jiggled" using an incorrect key, even after 10 years' wear. The special sliding disc locks used now on many Ford models are virtually impossible to pick in the time-honoured fashion, yet even those high-security locks do not meet every part of the new standard.

Cars already fitted with shrouds in the door protecting the locking linkages have proved ineffective and both Ford and Austin Rover have had to improve their pioneering designs. Thieves are nothing if not ingenious and determined.

Under the new guidelines, key numbers should no longer be stamped on the lock barrels and the ignition lock will have to be made from hardened steel so that it cannot be removed using a slide hammer.

Improvements to locks will spread in the next two or three years to most new British cars but other features will be costly and restricted to options for which owners must pay extra.

Those include dead-locking, essential to prevent the thief from opening the door from the inside once the side glass is smashed. A dead-locked door has to be opened with a key but in the foreseeable future will be a feature only of central locking systems fitted to top models. The Vauxhall Senator is currently the only car with dead-locking.

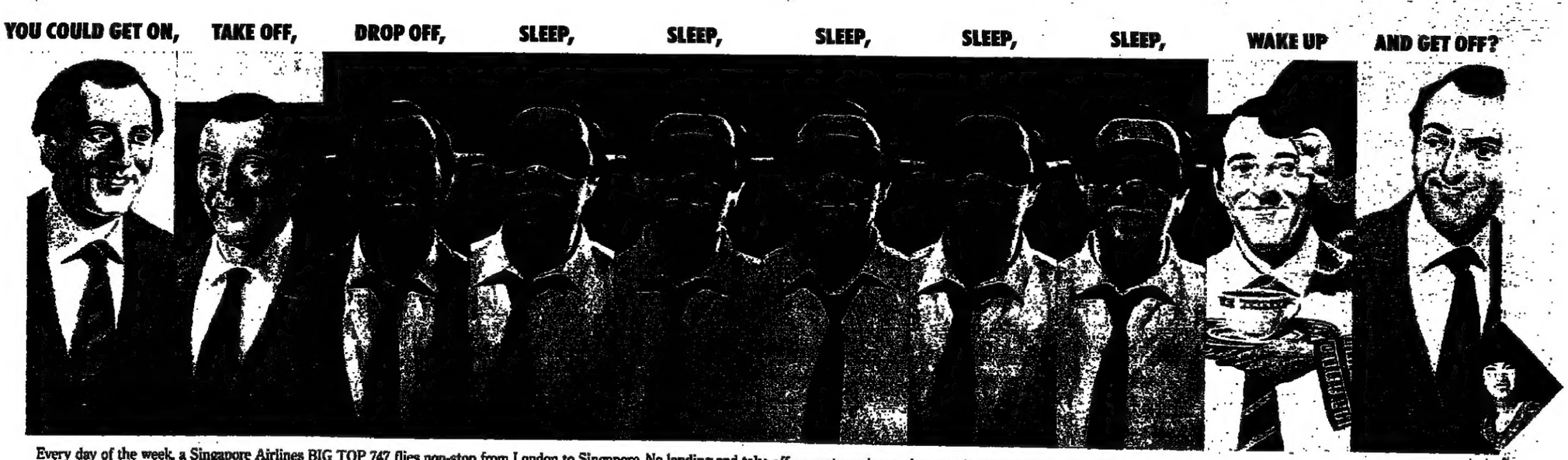
The BSI also requires radios to be locked in place so that they can no longer be lifted out in seconds. **Concluded**

Airline wins libel damages

Korean Airlines won "substantial" undisclosed libel damages yesterday in settlement of a High Court action over an article in *The Guardian* about the passenger plane shot down by Russian aircraft in 1983.

The company sued Guardian Newspapers and Mr Richard Johnson, a fellow in politics and sociology at Magdalene College, Oxford, who wrote it.

The airline said the article suggested that the company permitted its plane to be used for intelligence-gathering.



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WORLD SUMMARY

Attack on Swapo base 'kills 150'

Johannesburg — The South African armed forces yesterday claimed to have crossed into southern Angola and killed 150 guerrillas of the South West Africa People's Organization (Swapo) in a "pre-emptive attack" on one of their bases on Saturday (Michael Hornsby writes).

A communiqué issued by the South African Defence Force in Pretoria said that nine of its own men, mostly young white conscripts and two members of the locally recruited South West Africa Territory Force were killed. This is the biggest number of casualties South Africa has admitted inflicting in a single contact with Swapo in several years. The communiqué did not say where the engagement took place, nor how the casualties were inflicted.

Swapo has been fighting since 1966 against South African forces which occupy Namibia — as South West Africa is now more commonly known — in defiance of international law, and resolutions by the UN Security Council calling for the territory's independence.

Gadaffi's refusal

Amman — King Husain's hopes of using the summit meeting of the League of Arab States, which opens here on Sunday, to heal divisions in the Arab world suffered a setback yesterday when the Libyan leader, Colonel Gadaffi, announced that he would not attend (Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes).

Western diplomats assume that the decision was prompted by growing Arab hostility to Iran.

Demonstrations on the 70th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration, which Arabs see as the foundation of the state of Israel, were fewer than expected and failed to embarrass the Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, who is here for talks with King Husain.

Rebels captured

Magamaga, Uganda (Reuter) — Ugandan troops have captured a senior rebel officer in a hunt for fleering remnants of priestess Alice Lakwena's "Holy Spirit" movement, army officials said yesterday.

He was named as Lieutenant-Colonel John Kilama, the second important member of the movement to be captured. Professor Isaac Newton Ojok, an ex-Cabinet minister and political adviser to Alice, surrendered to the Army on Friday.

● **NAIROBI:** The rebel priestess is reported to be trying to flee north to her home near Gulu after several disastrous battles against the NRA outside Jinja in which several hundred soldiers in her "Holy Spirit" movement were killed.

US fires on gunboat

Washington — A US Navy guided-missile frigate fired on an Iranian gunboat speeding towards an American cargo ship in the Gulf after its crew failed to heed warning shots, the Pentagon announced yesterday (Michael Binyon writes).

The gunboat then turned back without apparent injury to its crew. The incident happened in the southern Gulf near the Iranian-held island of Abu Musa on Sunday, the statement said. The cargo ship, Patriot, was being escorted by the frigate USS Carr towards the Strait of Hormuz after having delivered supplies to US forces in the region.

Multiple transplant

Pittsburgh (AP) — Surgeons have transplanted a liver, pancreas, small intestine and part of a stomach and colon into a three-year-old girl who has never eaten solid food because of a defect in her digestive system.

Doctors said that without the 15-hour experimental surgery Tabatha Foster, of Madisonville, Kentucky, would have died within weeks. Ms Lynn McMahon, a spokeswoman for the children's hospital, said that Tabatha was in the intensive care unit in critical condition, which is normal after such operations.

Tahiti riot charges

Papeete (AP) — Two union leaders have been charged following the dockyard riots in Tahiti last month in which a dozen people were injured and many buildings were set on fire.

M Rara Colombel, president of the Union of Polynesian Dock Workers, and M Slim Pukoki, vice president of the union, were both charged with destroying property by fire.

The dock workers have been on strike since October 22, demanding an extra crew to work on the docks at Mururoa, the French nuclear test site.

Money hoarding ban

Freetown (Reuter) — Residents of Sierra Leone were barred from hoarding money and essential commodities under a state of emergency declared yesterday. President Momoh said that people would not be allowed to keep more than 150,000 leones (about £3,900) cash for more than three days, in effect ordering them to deposit their funds in banks. Sierra Leone is experiencing a severe liquidity crisis.

Asian leaders meet

Kathmandu — King Birendra of Nepal, left, who took over from the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, as leader of the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation, opened the third annual summit meeting of seven south Asian leaders here yesterday (A Correspondent writes). The meeting opened amid tight security with pledges on anti-terrorism co-operation and calls for new directions in regional programmes.

New look is tailor-made for Chinese leaders

Zhao's party toasts its confidence in the future

From Mary Dejevsky, Peking

The congress-weary press corps was yesterday invited to a "cocktail party" at the Great Hall of the People to celebrate the end of their labours.

What the invitation did not say was that all five members of the new Chinese leadership would be there, too.

Security was tighter than on any previous occasion at the Great Hall. Uniformed guards checked everyone with metal detectors, bags were painstakingly searched, cameras and tape recorders were tested to ensure that they were nothing more sinister.

13th PARTY CONGRESS

At 5 o'clock sharp, in a blaze of television lights and a mass clicking of cameras, China's new leaders entered the East Reception Hall to face the press.

All wearing lounge suits — not a Mao suit in sight — they appeared cheerful and relaxed as Mr Zhao Ziyang gave a short address, reiterating that China was absolutely intent on pursuing its policies of economic reform and opening up.

The group, with Mr Zhao and his interpreter in the lead, then progressed slowly past the long, low refreshment table — they on their side, we on ours — shouting answers to shouted questions which were interpreted into the microphone for the benefit of all.

Was his suit made in China, one reporter asked of Mr Zhao's snappy double-breasted number in dark blue. Indeed it was, Mr Zhao replied, and so was Comrade Li Peng's — and wasn't it smart? We should all go back and promote the Chinese clothing industry, he laughed.

The single correspondent from Taiwan was accorded special attention as Mr Zhao began his round. Glasses were clinked (the Standing Committee was on soft drinks only), the Chinese leader said he hoped that Taiwan could be reunited with China during his time in office.

One of a large contingent of Soviet journalists asked for comparisons between the Soviet and Chinese reform programmes.

Your optimum formula may not be the same as ours, he said. We can benefit fron each other's experience, but cannot copy each other's model. To another Soviet reporter, he said: You pursue your reforms and we shall pursue ours. We are not having a reform competition.

Such confidence *vis-à-vis* the Soviet Union is in sharp contrast to China's earlier deference towards its "elder brother in the north" and suggests that the Chinese leadership secretly thinks it has stolen a march on the Russians so far as reform goes.

Home made: Mr Li Peng, left, shows the label sewn into his jacket to Mr Zhao Ziyang, who took delight in confirming that their Western-style suits were manufactured in China.

Mr Zhao was asked about the "rout of the anti-reformists" at the elections for the Central Committee. That, he said, was a "very big question". He then took the opportunity to berate outsiders for their simplistic understanding of Chinese politics.

There are no pro-reform and anti-reform factions, he insisted. The congress had voted unanimously. Of course, he said, not all the leaders had identical views on specific issues, but that was true of any country. It was nothing remarkable.

Mr Zhao's remarks were both supported and contradicted a little later by Mr Li. Asked about plans for political reforms, he said there had been different opinions.

Everyone had agreed on the need for party and government functions to be more distinct, but they could not agree on how to do it. The proposals in Mr Zhao's report last week, he said, had been the compromise solution.

What about Tibet, shouted one American. What about it, retorted Mr Zhao in a sharper tone than he had used before. Why did US congressmen insist that Tibet should return to the days of serfdom, he said, because that was what their proposals amounted to.

After telling someone else that he would, of course, be consulting Mr Deng Xiaoping on important issues because no one had his experience and wisdom, Mr Zhao called to his colleagues that it was time to leave.

It was one minute to six. Mr Li shuffled from the behind to join him. Mr Qiao Shi and Mr Hu Qili followed.

They left with their entourage as promptly as they had entered, the long table with its Chinese snacks, sweetmeats and bananas still between us.

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US judge heading for trouble in Senate

From Michael Binyon
Washington

The nomination of Judge Douglas Ginsburg to the Supreme Court appears to be heading into trouble after allegations at the weekend that he had invested in a television firm that benefited from his government work and that his wife had performed abortions while training to be a doctor.

Leading senators said yesterday they would look very carefully at reports that Judge Ginsburg had $139,000 (about £81,000) invested in a cable television company when, as an assistant attorney-general, he argued a case before the Supreme Court involving the expansion of cable companies.

Controversy also surrounded revelations that his second wife, Dr Hallee Morgan, performed abortions as part of her obstetrics training seven years ago. Opposition to abortion is one of the key tenets of Judge Ginsburg's vocal conservative supporters in the Senate.

As the Justice Department official from 1985-87 in charge of the Anti-trust Division, Judge Ginsburg handled the successful push to reduce government regulation of cable television companies. The Justice Department said yesterday this had not led to any conflict of interest or affected the outcome of the case.

Leading Democratic senators, however, said they would question him closely. "Every judge has to avoid even the appearance of a conflict," Mr Patrick Leahy, chairman of the Senate judiciary subcommittee, said yesterday.

President Reagan, meanwhile, has begun an intensive campaign to secure nomination for the 41-year-old judge.

D-Day in US gutter politics

From Christopher Thomas
New York

Philadelphia voters have a stark choice today: whether to re-elect as mayor Mr Wilson Goode, who is undeniably incompetent, or to replace him with Mr Frank Rizzo, the flamboyant former police chief who left a bitter legacy of brutality and corruption as mayor in the 1970s.

Voting for Bad Wilson and Big Frank, as they are known, will be mainly along racial lines. Mr Goode is black, Mr Rizzo is white. Issues are of little consequence.

The campaign has been a model of gutter politics. "Frank Rizzo never killed 11 people," Mr Rizzo said in a television debate, referring to the day in May, 1985, when the police dropped a bomb on a house occupied by the radical group Move, leaving a trail of dead and injured and destroying 81 homes.

The two hit a campaign low in a television debate when they traded charges of "liar", giving the impression of two scrapping schoolboys rather than candidates for one of the top political jobs in America.

Although issues have not been exactly dominant, the campaign has focused on what government the city will have as it advances through the prosperous 1980s from 1970s depression.

Polls indicate voter turnout will be extremely low because of disgust with both men, and put Mr Goode in the lead today. However, much depends on an electorate that clearly wishes it did not have to vote for either of them.

Socialists fear ballot-box cost of shells sold to Iran

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

To mark the emergence of yet another juicy political scandal in the run-up to the spring presidential election, the headline in yesterday's issue of the French daily *Libération* proclaimed: "The shells have started exploding under the Socialists!"

It was a neat encapsulation of what lies at the heart of a complex and messy business involving the illegal export of some 500,000 rounds of artillery ammunition by a French company to Iran for an estimated £70 million.

To the unconcealed delight of the French right, startling new developments in what has come to be known as *l'affaire Luchaire* (after the company at the centre of things) have raised the possibility that substantial amounts of cash generated by the sales have stuck to the fingers of prominent figures in the Socialist administration of the day.

According to reports in two influential news magazines, an official investigation has concluded that some of these alleged under-the-table payments were known to at least one senior Cabinet minister.

At the time the deal was struck the Government had already prohibited the sale of military material to the Iranians. The cries of outrage from the left at the timing of these latest revelations tend to confirm the view of astute political observers that this may turn out to be a particularly damaging election issue.

One particularly sensitive allegation is that Luchaire's sales to Iran also included large quantities of the powerful explosive known as C4 — the same type of explosive that was used in the bloody terrorist bombings that struck Paris in 1985 and 1986.

It is now almost two years since *l'affaire Luchaire* first surfaced in the press. Although there was never any question that the company had not enjoyed unusually close links with the French defence establishment, the Government promptly announced it was initiating legal proceedings for violation of the Iran arms embargo. A file was opened by the public prosecutor and the case assigned to an investigating magistrate.

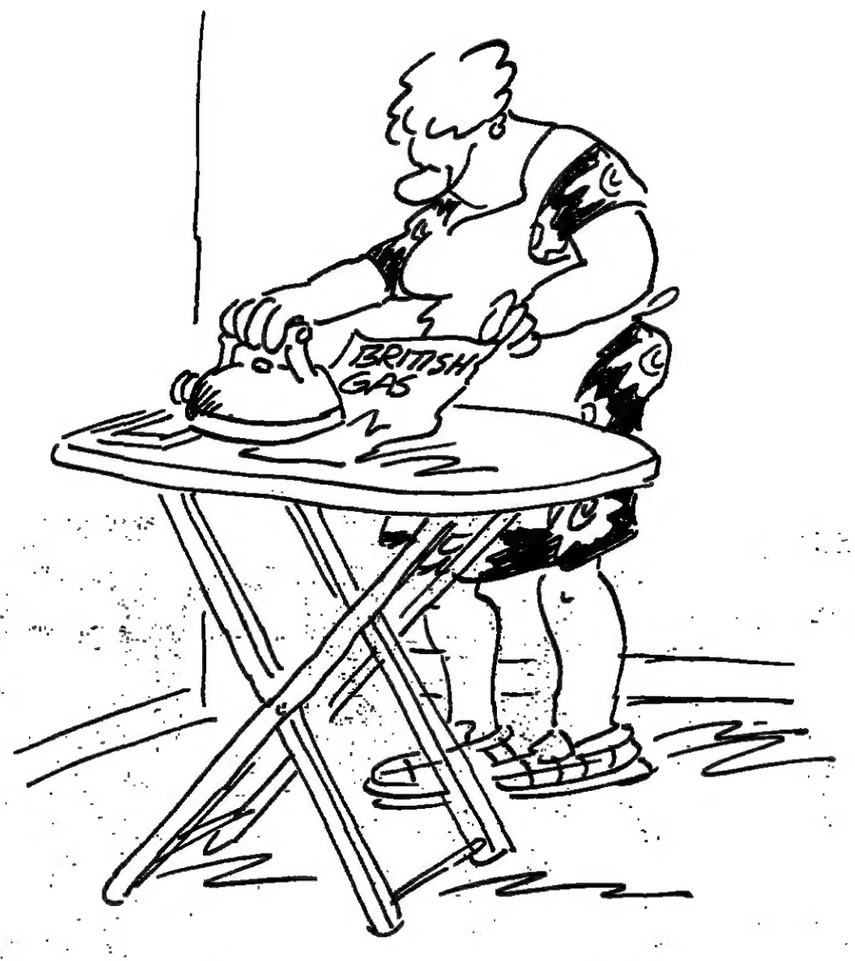
At the same time, the comptroller-general of the armed forces, M Jean-Francois Barba, embarked upon his own internal investigation of the illegal transaction.

From the start, the directors of Luchaire insisted the sale to Iran had been fully "covered" with senior officials in the Ministry of Defence.

According to the company, it was clearly understood that the lucrative sales were vital to rescue it from severe financial difficulties.

That was subsequently denied flatly and publicly by the Defence Minister in office during the relevant period. "If any such deliveries took place, it was without the knowledge of the Government," insisted M Charles Hernu.

Today it is leaks from the confidential Barba report that lie behind the revival of the Luchaire scandal. The magistrate originally charged with investigating the case has indicated that he intends to demand the right to examine the report in detail. The French press is already talking in terms of an Iran-Contra affair of its own.



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Tightrope speech to avert conservative backlash disappoints intellectuals

Gorbachov soft-pedals his criticism of Stalin terror

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov disappointed many Soviet intellectuals yesterday with his reappraisal of Soviet history in a much-heralded speech to mark the official opening of celebrations for the 70th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution.

Having raised expectations by promising to fill in the "blank pages" of Soviet history, the Kremlin leader accused Stalin of gross political mistakes but stopped short of a complete denunciation of the dictator.

Reading the speech which he prepared during the summer, Mr Gorbachov declared that Stalin had known of crimes committed under his rule in the 1930s and announced that a new commission had been set up by the Politburo to renew the process of rehabilitating his innocent victims. This rehabilitation stopped in the 1960s.

"It is sometimes said that Stalin did not know of many instances of lawlessness. Documents at our disposal show that this is not so," the Soviet leader told an audience of nearly 6,000.

The guilt of Stalin and his immediate entourage for wholesale repression and lawlessness was "enormous and unforgivable".

Despite the ringing condemnation in this section of the 101-page speech, Mr Gorbachov also argued that Stalin's collectivization of agriculture had been correct and described the dictator's rival, Trotsky, as a promoter of "anti-socialist ideas".

The historical section of the address was judged by diplomats as the most sensitive speech Mr Gorbachov has had to deliver since coming to power. The verdict of most Western experts was that he had skilfully fudged his overall view of Stalin to avoid a conservative backlash.

Mr Gorbachov made no attempt to quantify the extent of Stalin's terror, beyond a statement that "many thousands of people inside and outside the party were subjected to wholesale repressive measures". In the West it is estimated that those who were killed, who starved to death or who perished in labour camps ran into several millions.

To the surprise of Western diplomats watching the speech live on Soviet television, Mr Gorbachov also barely mentioned Stalin's liquidation of almost the entire Red Army command in the late 1930s. Many historians consider that this action was a crucial factor in the Soviet Union's inability to offer effective resistance to the Nazi invasion of 1941.

Much of Mr Gorbachov's most stirring rhetoric was devoted to praising the fortitude of the Soviet people and its leadership during the war, including a controversial section in which he declared: "A factor in the achievement of victory was the tremendous political will, purposefulness and persistence, ability to organize and discipline people displayed in the war years by Josef Stalin."

The dismay of Soviet intellectuals voiced after the speech was partially caused by its failure to rehabilitate any old Bolshevik heroes, or even to mention that such veterans of the revolution as Bukharin, Zinoviev and Kamenev had been executed under Stalin on trumped-up charges of espionage and terrorism. But his mere mention of their names was seen as a step forward.

"Perhaps we had been led to hope for too much from the speech," one member of the Moscow intelligentsia remarked. "But what it told me was that Gorbachov is still having to perform a balancing act. He did not dare go as far against Stalin as many of us had wanted."

The historical role of Bukharin, Stalin's chief political opponent of the 1920s and 1930s, had been trailed in advance as the key point to watch in the speech. But as it turned out Mr Gorbachov made clear that the party had not altered its view that Bukharin — executed after a show trial in March, 1938 — was wrong to oppose Stalin's forced collectivization.

Speaking under a giant statue of Lenin, the Kremlin leader broke a little new ground by naming Nikita Khrushchev, the late leader who was expunged from official histories after being ousted in 1964, as a man who had shown courage by criticizing Stalin.

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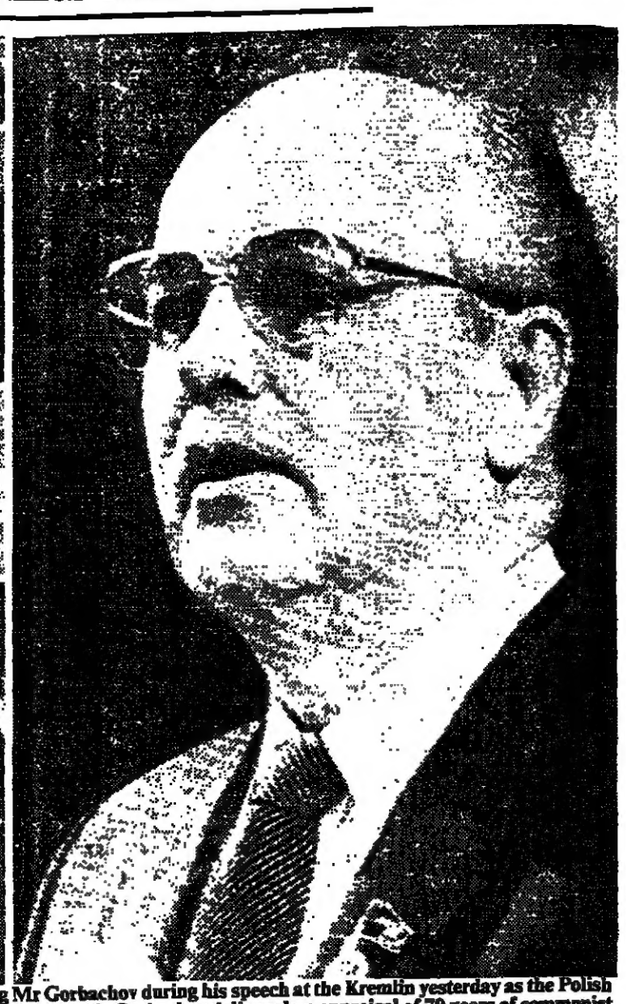
Amman — Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, said the speech was "a major statement ... it confirms ... Mr Gorbachov is determined to press ahead with *perestroika*, that he regards the search for an improvement in East-West relations as a sensible accompaniment ... we wish him well."



President Ortega of Nicaragua, top left, applauding Mr Gorbachov during his speech at the Kremlin yesterday as the Polish leader, General Wojciech Jaruzelski, looks on impassively. Mr Gorbachov delivered an appraisal of 70 years of communist rule and pledged himself to work for a ban on space weapons and reductions in nuclear arms.

Looking back on the 'bitter truth'

Key excerpts from the speech delivered yesterday by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov:

Stalin and collectivization

People had begun to believe in the universal effectiveness of rigid centralization, that methods of command were the shortest and best way of resolving any and all problems ... In industry such a system of management generally produced results. However, an equally rigid centralization-and-command system was impermissible in tackling the problems of refashioning rural life ...

A conviction had arisen that all problems could be solved at a stroke, overnight. Whole regions and parts of the country began to compete: who would achieve complete collectivization more quickly. Arbitrary percentage targets were issued from above. Flagrant violations of the principles of collectivization occurred everywhere.

Nor were excesses avoided in the struggle against the kulaks. The basically correct policy of fighting the kulaks was often interpreted so broadly that it swept in a considerable part of the middle peasantry too ...

But, comrades, if we assess the significance of collectivization as a whole in consolidating socialism in the countryside, it was in the final analysis a transformation of fundamental importance ...

But the aforesaid does not give a full picture of how complex that period was ... An atmosphere of intolerance, hostility and suspicion was created in the country ... All this had a dire effect on the country's socio-political development and produced grim consequences.

Quite obviously it was the absence of a proper level of democratization in Soviet society that made possible the personality cult, the violations of legality, the wanton repressive measures of the Thirties.

I am putting things bluntly — those were real crimes stemming from an abuse of power. Many thousands of people inside and outside the party were subjected to wholesale repressive measures. Such, comrades, is the bitter truth ...

It is sometimes said that Stalin did not know of many instances of lawlessness. Documents at our disposal show that this is not so. The guilt of Stalin and his immediate entourage before the party and the people for the wholesale repressive measures and acts of lawlessness is enormous and unforgivable ...

Contrary to the assertions of our ideological opponents, the Stalin personality cult was certainly not inevitable. It was alien to the nature of socialism, represented a departure from its fundamental principles and, therefore, has no justification.

Rehabilitation of Stalin's victims

The process of restoring justice was not seen through to the end and was actually suspended in the middle of the Sixties. The Politburo of the Central Committee has set up a commission for comprehensively examining new facts and documents pertaining to these matters, and those known previously. Corresponding decisions will be taken on the basis of the commission's findings. All this will also be reflected in a treatise on the history of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, whose preparation is to be entrusted to a special commission of the Central Committee.

The West and the Second World War

The Soviet Union made great efforts to build up a system of collective security and to avert a global slaughter. But the Soviet initiatives met with no response among the Western political leaders and politicians, who were coolly scheming how best to involve socialism in the flames of war and bring about its head-on collision with fascism ...

As I said, the Western ruling circles, in an attempt to blot out their own sins, are trying to convince people that the Nazi attack on Poland and thereby the start of World War Two was triggered by the Soviet-German non-aggression pact of August 23, 1939.

As if there had been no Munich Agreement with Hitler signed by Britain and France back in 1938 with the active connivance of the USA, no *Anschluss* of Austria, no crucifixion of the Spanish Republic, no Nazi occupation of Czechoslovakia and Klaipeda, and no conclusion of non-aggression pacts with Germany by London and Paris in 1938 ...

Soviet Union in the postwar years

It required no small courage of the party and its leadership, headed by Nikita Khrushchev, to criticize the personality cult and its consequences and to re-establish socialist legality.

However, no small number of subjectivist errors were committed, and they handicapped socialism's advance to a new stage, moreover doing much to discredit progressive initiatives. ...

At the October, 1964, plenary meeting of the party Central Committee there was a change of the leadership of the party and the country, and decisions were taken to overcome voluntaristic tendencies and distortions in domestic and foreign policies ...

The country had at its disposal extensive resources for further accelerating its development. But to utilize these resources and put them to work, cardinal new changes were needed in society and, of course, the corresponding political will. There was a shortage of the one and the other. And even much of what had been decided remained on paper, was left suspended in mid-air. The pace of our development was substantially retarded.

Gorbachov and perestroika

Comrades, we have been led to the conclusion about the necessity for *perestroika* (economic and social reform) by pressing needs brooking no delay. ...

Two key problems of the development of society determine the fate of *perestroika*. These are the democratization of all social life and a radical economic reform. ...

We should learn to spot, expose and neutralize the manoeuvres of the opponents of *perestroika* — those who act to impede our advance and trip us up, who gloat over our difficulties and setbacks, who try to drag us back ...

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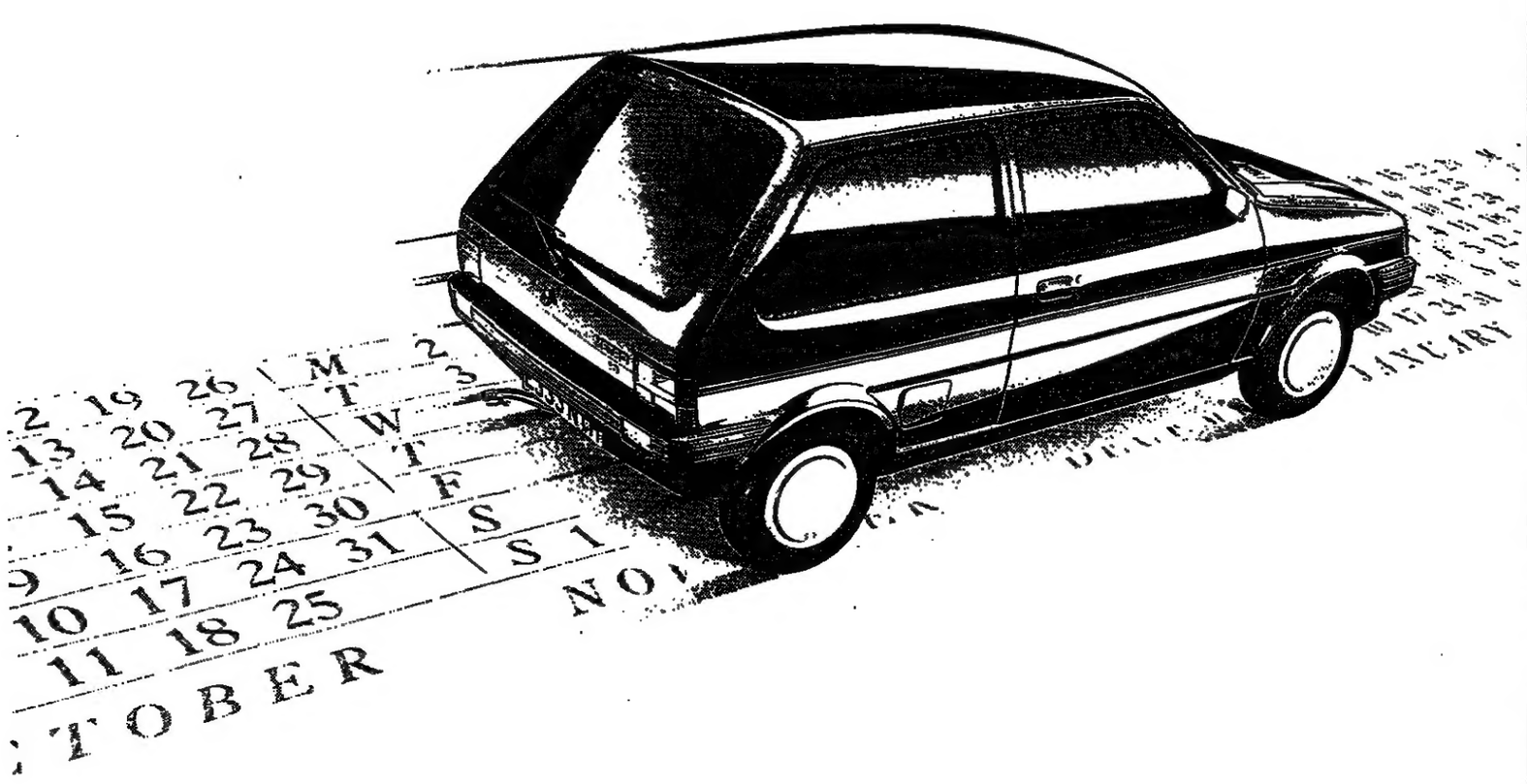

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Central America deadline

Peace hopes persist in spite of hard Ortega line

From Charles Bremner, Managua

With days to go before the Thursday deadline for all conditions of the Central American peace plan to be set into place, groups of youths spent a sunny weekend nailing posters to palm trees in Managua that declared: "The people's power is not up for discussion."

Not far away, boys were selling copies of the newly reopened opposition newspaper, *La Prensa*, that editorially abandoned hope of concessions from the Sandinista Government and exhorted God to save Nicaragua.

On the face of it, there appears little chance that the deadline will be met, and there are few signs of an imminent end to the long agony of bloodshed and economic collapse that has afflicted this Central American state.

Foreign aid for rebels must end

But although the plan that won the Nobel Peace Prize for President Arias of Costa Rica seems threatened in Nicaragua and El Salvador, diplomats and local observers have not given up hope. Some believe it still provides the best available chance for winding down the Contra war, and at least a dilution of the Sandinistas' authoritarian hold on power.

Sandinista leaders have said they will announce further measures on Thursday, the day that the Central American governments must have ceasefires operating, amnesties declared, political prisoners freed, and full freedom of the press. So far the reopening of *La Prensa* and the Catholic radio station, and the declaration of a one-sided ceasefire in certain zones with a limited amnesty, have been the only clear steps towards compliance.

The prospects have looked bleakest since the Sandinistas, who took power in 1979 after leading a popular uprising, hardened their stance last week. In a tough statement, the ruling directorate refused to talk with the US-sponsored Contra rebels, and said that it would not lift the state of emergency and introduce a broad amnesty for political prisoners.

President Ortega flew to Moscow on Saturday saying Nicaragua could not be expected to fulfil its part of the bargain until the Contras pulled out and the US stopped backing them. An end to outside aid for insurgency is a key element in the accord.

Last week in Costa Rica the foreign ministers of the five Central American countries softened the deadline, saying that it marked the date for the start of compliance. But President Arias has been publicly voicing his exasperation. The President, who feels he has staked his own credibility on the plan, said intransigence by the Sandinistas had caused the impasse and the whole process was in danger of losing its way.

"No one expects the Sandinistas to start up an American-style democracy," one European said. "But they need breathing space so badly they'll have to give ground." The government forces are now under heavy pressure from the Contras, who have some 10,000 men in the field.

The war, the American economic blockade, and mismanagement have brought the economy to its knees. Inflation is almost 2,000 per cent, raw materials and basic foodstuffs are in short supply. The oil shortage is so desperate that the Government appealed publicly on Friday to Moscow and its allies for an additional 50,000 tonnes by the end of this year.

Sanctions may be imposed

The Sandinistas are also aware that they cannot depend indefinitely on the largesse of the East bloc, already supplying 80 per cent of its income.

Though President Reagan's officials say that Moscow wants to turn the country into a Soviet foothold on the American mainland, the Russians are widely believed to be telling the Sandinistas they must compromise and put their economy in order.

The Central American Presidents are to meet in January to review the process, and, although there are no enforcement clauses, President Arias has indicated that there could be moves towards sanctions.

Yugoslav bank fraud

Bosnian's dream became nightmare

From Richard Bassett, Sarajevo

The Bosnians, as any Yugoslav will assert, are the nation's dreamers. Living where the Orient meets the West, they know what different worlds can offer.

It was, after all, a young Bosnian whose dream of a new order sealed the fate of the old with a few well-aimed shots at a visiting archduke in 1914.

A more recent Bosnian dreamer, with only marginally less explosive results, is the disgraced Mr Fikret Abdic, who has provoked the country's most serious financial scandal since the war.

As the former head of Agrokomerc, Mr Abdic is responsible for having swindled 63 Yugoslav banks out of some $500 million (£290 million), a sum which is about half the value of the Federal Government's annual budget.

More devastating, however, than this purely financial sleight of hand has been the degree of involvement among the country's politicians.

Already the Yugoslav Vice-President, Mr Hamdija Pozderac, has been forced to resign. More than 100 party members are under investigation and scores more have been arrested in the past few weeks.

Mr Abdic made use of other republics' funds, issuing promissory notes without collateral and, it is alleged, enlisting political support among the leaders of the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina to build Agrokomerc into one of Yugoslavia's largest enterprises.

A Muslim who dreamt of a Bosnian industry which could match the wealthy concerns of the more prosperous republics of Croatia and Slovenia, Mr Abdic's career would have been, until recently, the envy of any City yuppie.

In 1967, at the age of 28, he took over the ailing Agrokomerc's executive board. Within a few years, he had quadrupled production, increased the number of people employed by a factor of 25, and raised wages to among the highest in the republic.

He was a millionaire, travelling to his villa on the former Austrian Riviera near Opatija in a vehicle Bosnians still describe as "something out of the 21st century".

In Velika Kladusa, a small town in north-west Bosnia where Agrokomerc's headquarters are, he is still a revered figure. "He lived like Allah; he made Bosnia rich. With Abdic 14,000 people have work here. Before him only 20," a man observed.

But now Mr Abdic, who was charged last month with "threatening the social order in a counter-revolutionary manner", is under house arrest. Scores of other Bosnians have also been detained and the other republics in Yugoslavia have enthusiastically greeted what their press dubs as the "smashing of the Bosnian mafia".

The reverberations of the scandal, however, go further than the republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina. Even Yugoslavia's Prime Minister, Mr Branko Mikulic, has been implicated by some Belgrade newspapers' reports.

Irrespective of which politicians are involved, the affair highlights on a spectacular scale the lax criteria of financial controls which govern the Yugoslav economic system.

With inflation officially reported to be touching 140 per cent (but probably nearer 200 per cent), and with almost every Yugoslav family living on some form of credit, IOUs which can never be honoured have become a way of life in the country.

In Bosnia, however, Mr Abdic's name is still unblackened. He was only doing, it is said, what all the other republics do, but "on a grander scale, a Bosnian scale".

Perhaps, like the Archduke Franz Ferdinand's assassin, whose collar stud and revolver are lovingly preserved in Sarajevo, there will be a museum one day to the memory of Fikret Abdic, who dreamed of milking a system and living like a god.

Royal visit affords relief to scandal-weary Germans

From Alan Hamilton
Bonn

As fond as any other nation of a thoroughgoing political scandal, the Germans welcomed the arrival of the Prince and Princess of Wales in Bonn yesterday as light and welcome relief from their media's obsession with the lugubrious "Barschel-Pfeiffer affair".

German press and television have been conducting a relentless inquest into how Dr Uwe Barschel, the Christian Democrat candidate for Prime Minister of Schleswig-Holstein, came to hire a certain Herr Reiner Pfeiffer to conduct a smear campaign against his Social Democrat opponent and was then found dead.

After three weeks of muckraking, the media has seized on the Prince and Princess as a breath of fresh air.

An editorial in West Germany's largest-selling newspaper, *Bild*, yesterday described the visit as "a positive event in a world of Khomeinis, bear markets and political scandals". It went on to explain that the Princess was charming and casual, the Prince a gentleman and an example to lots of men, and added: "We Germans are convinced republicans, but for many of us Diana and Charles personify a lost dream."

The Bonn daily, *General-Anzeiger*, commented: "Perhaps some older Germans might feel something like envy because we no longer have such a monarchy which is far removed from partisan quarrels." The paper noted the Prince's German ancestry, and said "he does not think much of Thatcher's strict regime and her tough policy of economy measures".

After arriving in Bonn from West Berlin, the Prince and Princess had lunch with President von Weizsäcker and his wife at their official residence — a 19th century mansion in leafy grounds that is a White House-on-Rhine, with barges puttering by at the bottom of the garden. Bonn is one of the less frenetic.

The royal couple appeared with their hosts on the steps of the residence for a photograph, and reappeared for an encore shortly afterwards on a high balcony, having been persuaded that there is now an insatiable media appetite for shots of them together after the Prince's lengthy summer sojourn at Balmoral.

At the Bonn town hall, where the Prince delivered a four-minute speech in German and provoked two bursts of laughter from the guests, the mayor presented the couple with a collection of 20 Beethoven and Schumann records.

In the afternoon the Prince and Princess took tea with Chancellor Kohl in his official residence. While any political discussion was not recorded, elsewhere the principal topic of conversation was the Princess's black above-the-knee skirt under a bright red jacket and hat.

Earlier this year the Prince paid a private visit to the opera at Bayreuth, and both have previously visited the Federal Republic to meet British troops stationed there.

But this week's programme is the first official visit since that of the Queen in 1978, and follows an invitation issued by President von Weizsäcker during a state visit to London last year.

Although the visit is providing Germans with some badly needed glamour and entertainment after the Schleswig-Holstein scandal, its underlying purpose is, as usual, trade: the royal couple will visit a British trade fair and fashion show. Britain's balance of trade with West Germany has worsened in the last year, chiefly as a result of currency movements and the world oil price.

In the first half of this year, bilateral trade was DM 8 billion (£2.7 billion) in Germany's favour, compared with DM 6 billion in the same period last year. British exports to Germany dropped by 10 per cent in the same period, while trade in the other direction dropped by 3 per cent.

The Princess of Wales casting a cheerful glance at her husband as the royal couple posed for photographs at the presidential palace in Bonn yesterday.

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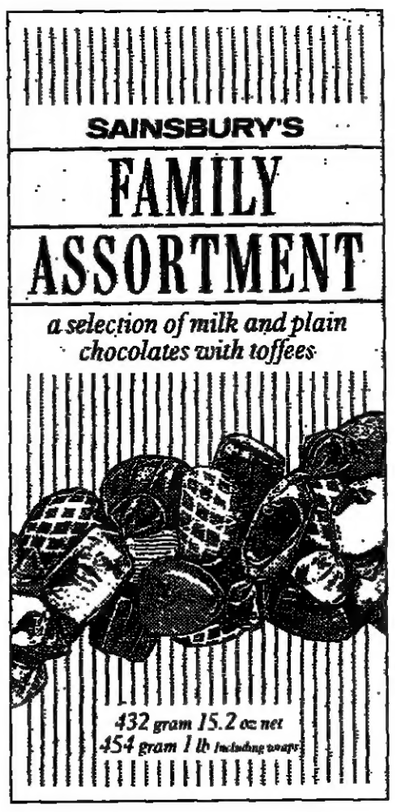

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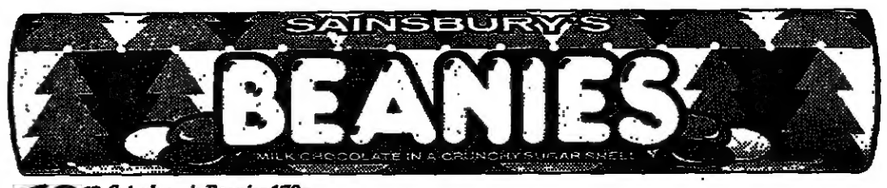

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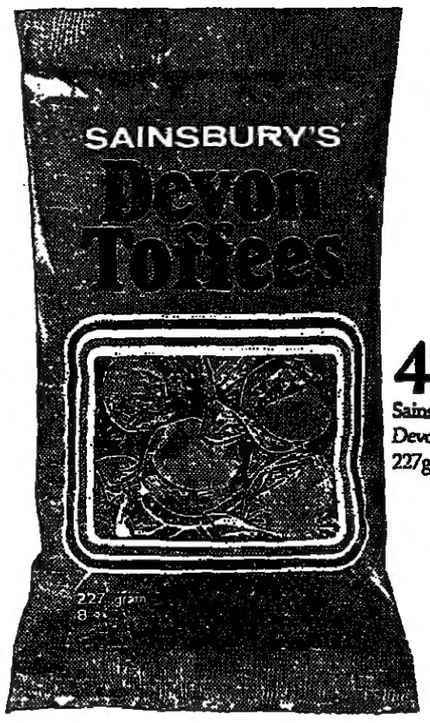

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M'Bow diehards in rearguard fight for Unesco throne

By Rosemary Righter

The furore over the election of Unesco's next director-general, on which the future of the organization depends, is far from over as its 158-member government prepares to vote next Saturday in Paris.

Señor Federico Mayor, the Spanish biochemist nominated to succeed the controversial Mr Amadou Mahtar M'Bow by Unesco's executive board last month after an acrimonious 12-day series of votes, is fighting a backlash by Mr M'Bow's supporters which could overturn the nomination.

By custom, the vote to confirm the board's choice by the full membership is a formality; but diplomats at Unesco's general conference believe it will turn into an ugly dispute reopening the political and ideological rifts which have been Mr M'Bow's principal legacy to the organization he has run for 13 years.

A group of francophile Africans, smarting from the "humiliation" of Mr M'Bow's enforced withdrawal, was last week preparing a legal challenge to the board's decision — taken under a suspension of the normal rules of procedure. Mr M'Bow himself, by accusing "certain governments" of "perverting the democratic processes", inspired the move.

Even if the challenge fails, it would ensure an extensive filibuster, allowing Third World resentments at the choice of a European to emerge. Four of Unesco's six directors-general have been Europeans and the Africans are attempting to muster the support of the Asians — whose "turn" for the job it was, under the UN custom of geographical rotation — against Señor Mayor, who could be presented as unable to heal Unesco's wounds.

Nobody expects Mr M'Bow to achieve a last-minute comeback, but his hostility to the man who defeated him for the nomination is such that his close aides are vigorously promoting an "anyone but Mayor" campaign.

Western governments have so far publicly resisted suggestions that a "compromise" alternative to Señor Mayor should be sought, although the French, who voted for Mr M'Bow last month, are thought to favour Prince Sadruddhin Aga Khan. The Latin Americans might be persuaded to drop Señor Mayor in favour of Uruguay's Foreign Minister, Señor Enrique Iglesias.

Neither of these is formally in the running, but both would be favourites if Señor Mayor were defeated. Sahebzada Yaqub Khan, Mr M'Bow's main challenger before being overtaken by Señor Mayor, resigned as Foreign Minister on Sunday — a move which would reduce opposition, should he re-enter the race, from Scandinavian and Latin American governments

Under Unesco's rules the executive board has only 48 hours to come up with another candidate if Señor Mayor is defeated, so there is even the outside chance of a deadlock leaving Mr M'Bow's French deputy, M Michel de Bonnecorse, running Unesco in "acting" capacity until the 1989 general conference or even — as Mr M'Bow's most hardline supporters hope — lead to a two-year extension of Mr M'Bow's term.

Weathering tempest of Tamil Tiger violence

Sinhalese women and children queuing for food yesterday at the Dambulla refugee camp as the first monsoon rains came.

Boat people rescued from rock

By Nicholas Beeston

A British merchant vessel yesterday plucked 17 Vietnamese boat people, seven of them children, from a rock in the Gulf of Thailand, where they had been marooned without food for several days after their ship's engine failed.

The refugees are expected to arrive in the Thai port of Songkhla today after the British Embassy in Bangkok accepted responsibility for them.

According to the captain of the SS Restless M, Mr Michael Hatcher, two of the refugees are in urgent need of medical attention and are suffering from exposure, exhaustion and lack of food.

Speaking to the BBC on ship-to-shore radio, the captain said he spotted "a person waving a white bag" at his ship and on closer inspection discovered the tiny rock "littered with all these people".

In addition to their poor physical state, he said the Vietnamese had severely lacerated feet from the barnacles which covered the rock.

A Foreign Office spokesman said the immediate welfare of the boat people would be handled by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Divided Sri Lanka

Recipe for turmoil in Sinhalese south

From Michael Hamlyn, Tangalle, Sri Lanka

To travel in the far south of Sri Lanka is to get an eerie echo of what the far north was like only four short years ago.

Today the north is a battlefield, but in 1983 the Sri Lankan Army patrolled the streets, barbed-wire guarded police stations, posters and slogans defaced walls and guerrillas took pot shots at security forces. Politicians antagonistic to the guerrilla cause were assassinated.

Today in the south 38 members of the United National Party, the ruling party of President J.R. Jayewardene, have been killed since the Indo-Sri Lankan peace accord was signed in July.

Slogans such as "JR is a monkey" and "end the accord" are painted on roads, bridges and walls. Army units patrol in the steel-plated Buffel armoured cars developed from a South African model to provide landmine protection in the north. Platoons of soldiers man temporary posts on street corners.

Threatening letters are dispatched to public servants or wealthy traders — "donate one lakh of rupees . . . or else!". "I put them straight in the waste-paper basket," declared one brave soul.

But the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP), meaning People's Freedom Front, has got the entire government structure in a turmoil, such is the effect its campaign of violence is having.

The President devoted a good deal of his press conference on Friday to discussing the threat posed by the JVP and its allies. And when he spoke to me privately a week ago he was even more anxious about it, encouraging the police to take the law into their own hands to deal with members who might be freed by the courts.

Here in Tangalle, as far south as you can get without floating away into the great empty space between here and Antarctica, the residents are more philosophical about the threat than they are in the capital.

"They want to demolish the Government, but they will fail," said Mr M.D. Weerasinghe, the local MP. Unusually these days, Mr Weerasinghe still lives in the south — many other MPs are afraid to do so.

But he has probably more cause for fear than the others: his father, Jinadasa Weerasinghe, was killed by a JVP gang at the end of July, and the 29-year-old appointed to his seat. "Some people are afraid because they can't live safely," he admits, "but it is not a real problem. We all have bodyguards, five persons with repeaters."

Mr Daya Herath, the government agent down the road in Hambantota, has done away with his bodyguards, though, to set a fearless example to his men.

"To me it has never been a problem," he said. There are no guards on his gates, no passes are checked, no cars are inspected. "I stopped all that," he explained. "When you do all this you scare the public. When the big man does this, they see the Government has got panicky."

Now, perhaps under pressure from the Government to eradicate the JVP, the police are beginning to use heavy-handed tactics of their own. When a known JVPer goes missing the police will arrest his wife, or his aged parents, a sort of hostage-taking that is becoming much resented.

"That's wrong, I think," says Mr Weerasinghe, the new MP. "If you want to catch the man; do that. Don't take his family: it's not legal."

Guerrilla movements thrive on injustice, and the JVP will probably be no exception. Opposition to the Indo-Sri Lankan accord, which gave away too much to the Tamils, and damaged Sri Lanka's own sovereignty in the eyes of the Sinhala chauvinists, is already improving recruitment to JVP ranks.

The movement itself is — like the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) in the north — essentially a vehicle for the ambitions of one man. In this case a young left-wing agitator, Mr Rohana Wijeweera, who led an armed insurrection in 1971. He is now 43 years old, not so young and not so left.

The JVP these days regards the Buddhist clergy and patriotic groups within the armed forces as likely wells of support from which to draw. Neither of these groups has been noticeably left-wing, rather the reverse.

President Jayewardene said that he would remove the proscription against the JVP — "I've done it before" — if only Mr Wijeweera would give up violence and apply himself to trying to persuade the Sinhalese to give him democratic support. "I am prepared to give him an unconditional pardon," he said, which is a sizeable step for a man who has had 38 of his party men killed, including ministers.

But Mr Jayewardene also said that it was possible to live with terrorism. "The British have for almost 100 years," he said, "and the Irish. The Indians, too."

Colombo — The Sri Lankan naval rating charged with the attempted murder of Mr Rajiv Gandhi has been refused permission to summon the Indian Prime Minister to give evidence for his defence (A Correspondent writes).

Vijayamuni Rohana de Silva, who attacked Mr Gandhi when he was inspecting a guard of honour after signing the Indo-Sri Lankan peace accord, was also refused permission to summon Sri Lanka's Prime Minister, Mr Ranasinghe Premadasa.

Filipino gunmen seize arms near US base

Manila (Reuter) — Unidentified gunmen attacked security guards yesterday near the US Clark air base in the Philippines where three Americans were shot and killed last week.

Police said the gunmen, suspected members of the communist New People's Army (NPA), seized weapons from private security guards policing an area where several American personnel live, about half a mile from the US base. The incident heightened tension inside the base itself.

The American Embassy in Manila, which has advised Americans to keep a low profile, had no comment on the latest incident, in which no Americans were involved.

A Philippines police spokesman, Captain Nardo Ramos, said security forces chased the gunmen, spraying possible hiding places with gunfire, but failed to find them.

Clark air base and the adjacent Angeles city, north of Manila, have been heavily patrolled by Filipino and American troops since last Wednesday, when two US airmen on active service were shot and killed, along with a retired airman and a Filipino. A third American was shot at but escaped unhurt.

US military authorities have clamped a curfew on the base and banned non-essential travel outside the camp.

Police blamed the NPA for the Clark attacks and others in Manila in which 10 Filipinos died, mainly police and soldiers. No group has yetclaimed responsibility for the attacks around the base, home for about 96,000 Americans, including dependants. Clark, and the nearby Subic Bay naval base, are the two largest American military installations outside US territory.

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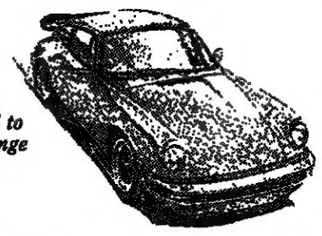

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The past could be Britain's growth industry for the 21st century. **Peter Davenport** found jobs galore in the heritage business

A fine future behind us?

From the outside, the low, red-brick building looks as uninspiring as its original use, a warehouse for refrigerators and freezers. Enter Unit Four off Walmgate in York, however, and you step into the Heritage Projects workshop, a virtual time laboratory, a magical world where the past is re-created before your eyes.

Here people long dead are brought "back to life" with uncanny realism. The sights, sounds and smells of their times are re-created with painstaking accuracy: the pockmarked face of a drunken reveller from Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, earnest luminaries from Oxford University, the family of a poor 16th-century Edinburgh housewife, the stench of an open Viking latrine. All are researched, designed and created in York.

The workshop is the centre of the new, fast-growing industry of re-creating the past. So successful has the 100-strong workforce become that the workshop has orders worth £50 million on its books.

"What we have created here," says John Sunderland, creative director of Heritage Projects, "is a new medium for the 21st century. The possibilities are limitless — entire environments can be brought alive."

The company was born out of the remarkable success of the Jorvik Viking Centre, York's unconventional underground museum. Developed at a cost of £2.6 million, it annually attracts about 900,000 visitors and pours £16 million into the local economy.

When curators and directors of other museums saw what was happening, they were eager to acquire the expertise. Heritage Projects decided to exploit the market and so perfected its skills that it has attracted inquiries from around the world, including a kibbutz in Israel and a Canadian museum of Indian archaeology.

Its three newest ventures are British-based. Two will open in March next year. They are the £2.2 million Oxford Story project, tracing the history of the university through the ages, and the Pilgrim's Way in Canterbury, where Chaucer's band of travellers will be brought to life, warts and all, in a programme costing £1.35 million. The third venture, the £2.3 million Edinburgh Story, will, through the eyes and experiences of a skinner's wife, Margaret Lock, provide a glimpse of life in the city in the 1590s. Housed in the Highland Tolbooth Kirk at the head of the Royal Mile, just a few yards from the castle, it is due to open in 1989.

Over in the corner of the workshop a beery, blowzy Wife of Bath sits astride a sagging horse. The realism of the figures is uncanny

Sunderland calls such projects "pop-up books on a human scale", but that is to belittle the painstaking research and attention to detail that characterizes the work of his team. The secret of turning museums — it is a word which barely describes the experience — into places children will willingly queue for hours to get in to lies in the presentation. A rich mix of talent has been brought together: actors, sculptors, a designer from Madame Tussaud's, a senior props man from the Royal Shakespeare Company, electrical engineers, taxidermists, craftsmen in wood and metal, and designers who can re-create the exact clothing of centuries ago and even order up the right mix of smells that would have coloured the air.

Inside the York workshop, the floor is littered with tools, equipment, half-finished models, partly-built cottages, Chaucerian stables. Robin Burch, 29, a former actor, is a senior technician with the company. He is building a wattle and daub wall that will surround a gently steaming dung heap in a tumbledown stable that is to be one of the sets for the *Canterbury Tales* exhibit.

"I prefer," he says, splitting another length of willow, "to re-create things using modern, substitute materials, such as making old beams from papier mâché and dye, or seemingly solid stone walls from polystyrene. But sometimes there is no modern alternative material; then you have to use the real thing and study the old techniques that would have been used at the time."

Don't forget the smallpox scars: sculptor Peter Donohoe puts the finishing touches to a drunken medieval reveller

Peter Donohoe was with the Royal Shakespeare Company at Stratford-upon-Avon for 15 years, ending up as deputy props manager, before joining the company in February. He is putting the finishing touches to the twisted features of a drunken reveller from Chaucer's tales, a face that comes wickedly alive when the false eyes are popped into the head. Over in the corner, a beery, blowzy Wife of Bath sits astride a sagging horse.

"I wanted to do more sculpture work, and that's what attracted me here," he says. "The main thing is to get the characterization exactly right, and that means reflecting the deformities and the diseases that would have been around at the time. They had poor dentistry, so the teeth were in bad condition and the skin was probably pock-marked by smallpox. We try to reflect all that accurately."

Nena Parkes, 40, the production manager, worked with the National Theatre and the RSC before helping in the development of the Jorvik Centre and assembling her present workforce in York. "When we started I suppose the idea was more of a theatrical impression of history," she says, "but now there is much greater emphasis on ensuring every possible accuracy, and that will only get stronger. It takes time and effort, but the results are there to see."

The skilled hands of members of the team in the workshop are backed up by designers who work from the most detailed historical research and archaeological records. A planned £6 million dinosaur world housed in a 33,000 sq ft dome in Sheffield, for example, will feature a prehistoric landscape based on advice from the former head of the palaeontology department of the Natural History Museum.

After all, a rampaging *tyrannosaurus rex* would hardly look right with its feet trampling the type of grass grown in the local park. To the time travellers of Heritage Projects, that would never do.

Hisses of hate in the land of death

Why the Indians in the mountains of Peru are after the white man's blood

In Quechua, Peru's native language, Ayacucho means "corner of the dead". Here in the bone-dry mountains, where each man's annual income is around $70 (about £40), the populace engaged in bloody combat with the Incas.

In 1824, helped by the Hussars of General William Miller, a native of Kent, they put paid to the Spanish in a battle that liberated the whole of South America from colonial rule. Now, in an extraordinary display of collective hysteria, they are reacting against any and every outsider.

The bitterness of Ayacucho is tangible as soon as you enter the sloping colonial square. Eyes glide off you. Women giggle after they pass, releasing what sounds like an expletive. Sometimes they speak louder, in a hiss. After a while you realize it is the same word they are mouthing. *Pistaco*.

A *pistaco* is a tall, white foreigner. He sleeps by day, drinks lots of milk and carries a long white knife under his coat. With this knife he cuts up Indians, lopping off heads and limbs and keeping their trunks for the human grease with which he oils his machines. Europe's industrial revolution was lubricated by the lard made from helpless Ayacuchans. So were the Korean and Vietnam wars. The only reason Challenger blew up was that it lacked this *aceite humana*.

What frightens most is the fact that the whole town believes it. I climb on to a truck heading for the market town of Huanta. "Let the *pistaco* walk," says one of the eight Indians under her breath. I stand and talk to Aurelia, a plump woman with gold teeth and a pony tail. She points at the ink spots on my jacket where a pen has run. "Indian blood," she says, and then opens the jacket to look for a knife.

A man in a Coca Cola cap perching on the driver's cabin tells me with a grim expression that *pistacos* have recently hacked the limbs off 30,000 people. Had he any evidence?

Oh no, but he'd seen it in the newspapers. The *pistacos* were government mercenaries employed by President Garcia to pay off his $15 billion debt. The blood he sold to the blood banks, the oil to Western industry. The man thought Garcia's *pistacos* were Argentines.

No, said a taxi driver later. They were definitely Swiss. He was driving me to the cemetery where the last white man to visit Ayacucho had been interred. On September 10, Luis Angel Huaringa Calderon was returning from a brothel in Avenida Cuzco when he was set upon by a crowd looking for *pistacos*. Calderon, a commercial traveller from the town of Huancayo, had studied at the Superior Institute of Elocution in Lima. But nothing he said could persuade his captors that he was anything other than a *pistaco*.

He had a knife in his pocket, a studded leather bracelet on his arm — obviously for protection — and a plane ticket in his briefcase made out in another person's name. His head was duly crushed by stones (you cannot shoot a *pistaco*), his eyes pulled out and his body dragged through the district of La Victoria until the bones showed.

"I saw the torchlight that night," says Juan Granda, a professor at Ayacucho University, nodding at the hill opposite. "But I hear the people searching every night with whistles, lanterns, and pan lids. They are worried the *pistacos* are robbing their children." Professor Granda says that the myth is a recurrent one, in operation since the Spanish conquest.

"It's a myth explaining the domination. Now it's a social movement against everything. It's not organized. It's a spontaneous phenomenon. A community under threat turning against strangers. There are even professors at the university convinced that *pistacos* exist."

It is easy to understand why the people of Ayacucho are fed up. For centuries they have been ignored by the Spanish-speaking *Limenos*, who refer to this part of the country as "the Indian blot". Life expectancy is just 45 years. Conditions are not much above subsistence level. For the last seven years, Ayacucho has been the battleground between the armed forces and the Maoist guerrilla movement, *Sendero Luminoso*. The conflict has claimed 9,000 lives.

Ayacucho residents are sickened by both the military and *Sendero*. They are also wary of President Garcia's intention to lift the state of emergency which would mean another influx of outsiders.

Not surprisingly, the local press has been quick to reflect the heartbeat of the city. "Ayacucho lives in terror", runs a frequent headline. So too does any stranger to the place on hearing the clash of pan lids.

Perhaps Luis Calderon's blood will be enough to assuage this mass terror, but for the moment gringos are not advised either to try the night life — or ask for milk shakes.

Nicholas Shakespeare

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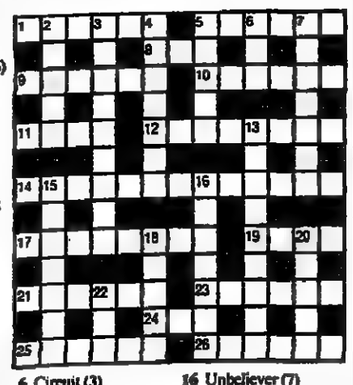

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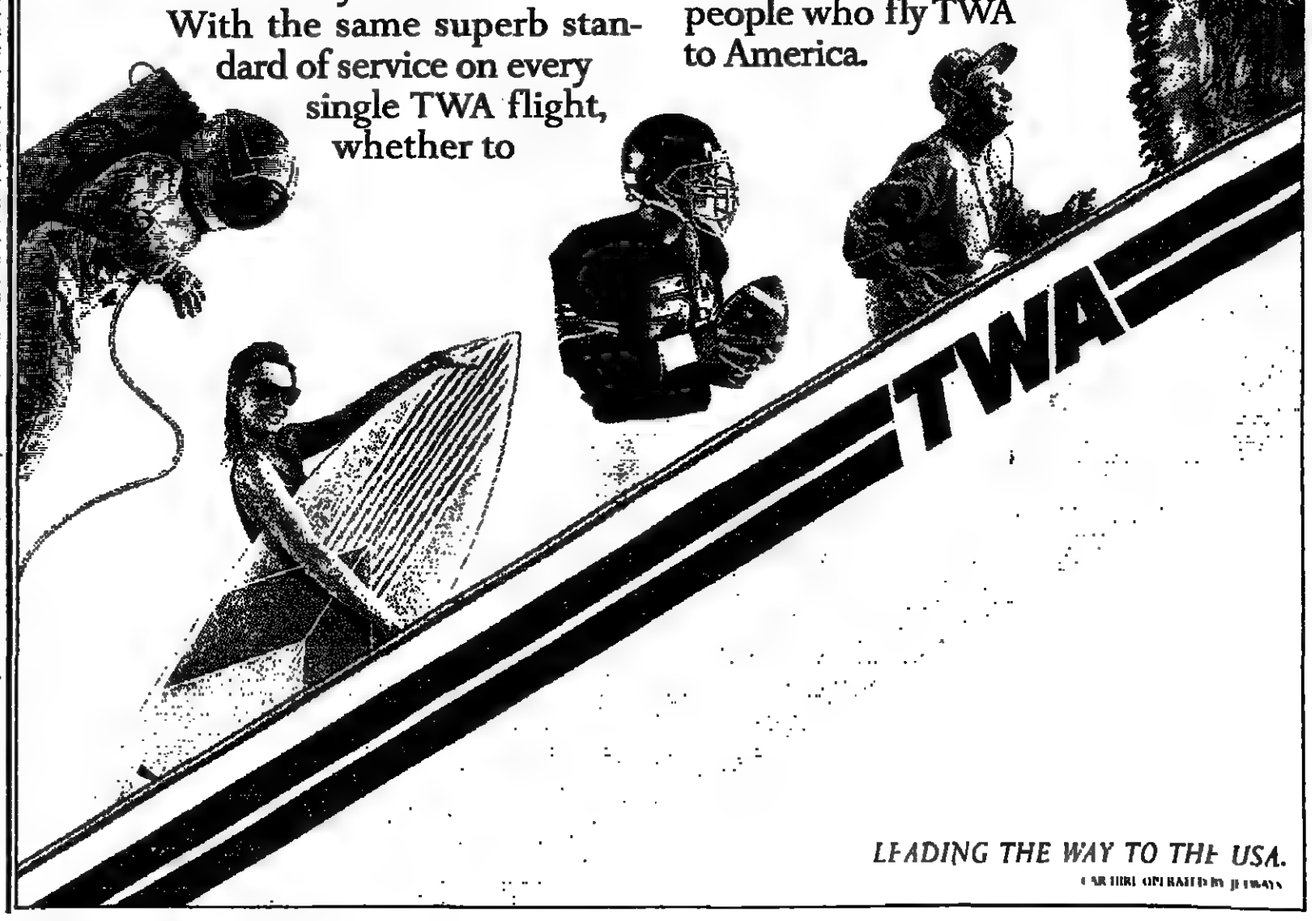

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On the ball with Moore

John Moore, the debonair workaholic Health Secretary, has surprised even the most zealous of his civil servants. In the run-up to the election, when the DHSS was wondering who would take over at the Elephant and Castle, the main brain behind the controversial White Paper on primary health care – due to be published in the next two weeks – was anxious that the new boss should see the report as soon as possible after his arrival. Leaving a copy on Moore's desk, the mandarin was amazed when he discovered that the Health Secretary had read the recommendations – which call for a reduction in family doctors' professional autonomy – by 10 am on his first morning, when he held an initial meeting on the proposed changes.

Old adversary

Sir Philip Woodfield's appointment as security complaints commissioner is not going to please Tony Benn. Their paths have crossed before. It all goes back to November 1964 when Benn had just taken his tea mug and sleeping bag along to the Post Office after Harold Wilson had appointed him Postmaster General. With Peter Shore and Marcia Williams (Lady Falkender) he used to go into little huddles to moan about the dire influence of the civil servants at No 10 who prevented them getting access to Harold Wilson. In Benn's diary entry for November 10 he notes how Sir Philip, then Wilson's private secretary, phoned up his counterpart behind his back to stop a Benn manoeuvre. "This was the inner Civil Service network in action," he grumbles.

BARRY FANTONI

'My money was on Deng Xiaoping'

Burnt up

I wonder how far Nicholas Fairbairn's fabled sense of humour will stretch once he sees the publisher's publicity for his forthcoming autobiography, *A Life Is Too Short*. Volume One – from the "increasingly restricted, bumpy and suffocating" existence in the womb to the moment he opts for a career as "one of those people who wear wigs in court" – is due out later this month. The Perth MP's publisher, Quartet, promises that the reminiscences of the castle-dwelling Baron of Fordell make rich and varied reading. Alas, no fewer than five times on one sheet his name is misspelt as Nicholas Fairburn.

Bearing fruit

Lobbyists take note: in politics the adage that flattery gets you nowhere does not apply. During the agriculture debate at last month's Tory conference Barbara Smith of the Women's Farming Union described John MacGregor, the Agriculture Minister, as a "strong-minded, handsome man of decision" and hinted that her organization would hold him in still higher regard if he ironed out a capital gains tax iniquity affecting dairy and potato farmers. And lo, yesterday MacGregor announced that he was now hurrying through just such a change, ahead of next year's Budget. The dairy farmer's wife from Cheshire tells me flattery is a tactic she will remember next time she wants to influence politicians.

● **The first foreign paperback edition of *Spycatcher* has arrived in Britain. It is probably not destined for great readership here since it is in Danish. Unusually, only Peter Wright's name appears on the cover, though collaborator Paul Greengrass is credited on the title page. Listed on the reverse are no fewer than 12 translators.**

Women's world

Environment Secretary Nicholas Ridley has brought in an old ally from his days at the Department of Transport to persuade the nation to stop worrying and learn to love the poll tax. He has tempted Jean Caines to leave her job as Transport press chief to become his director of information. It is a similar story at Transport, where her successor, Gill Samuel, has been brought in by Paul Channon after catching his eye when they worked at Trade and Industry. With Mrs Thatcher plucking Christine Wall from No 10's press office to make her deputy press director at Tory Central Office, and at least four women now deputy heads of Whitehall press rooms, a woman must now be odds on to become No 10's next press secretary – though, it must be said, Bernard Ingham has no intention of quitting until Mrs Thatcher herself calls it a day.

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Stake for all in the tax cake

by Oliver Stanley

Tax reform has been eluding government for the last 30 years. But why does Britain lag so far behind in devising a fiscal system appropriate for the 1980s?

The record of successive governments is lamentable. Married couples are still treated as they were in the 19th century. Capital Gains Tax is still a charge on inflation. Capital Transfer Tax has succeeded Estate Duty and Inheritance Tax has succeeded Capital Transfer Tax; but neither introduced any real reforms, merely a new string of complex, badly drafted amendments. A series of valuable exploitations of the tax system, to encourage saving and make pensions more transferable, have been neutered. How does this happen?

The influence of officialdom should be analysed, and this requires an understanding of the tax making process. In opposition, politicians have time and commitment to think out tax reforms and promise to introduce them in the first year of office.

Once in office, their basic reforms on which they will have been advised by eminent private practitioners are passed to Treasury and Revenue departments for their comments. Despite all efforts, government departments are still fiercely resistant to change. The public service view, in general, is that the best possible way of doing things has long since been found, and that no viable alternatives can conceivably exist. In support of this complacent and idealised view, senior public service officials draw upon the resources of the departments in marshalling their arguments; usually ministers have at their disposal only a personal private secretary and their own political – not technical – expertise. They are at a profound disadvantage in debate with their Sir Humphreys.

Given the official capacity to impede, it is hardly surprising that so little progress has been made. What requires investigation is why this determination to impede progress should exist in the first place. It clearly has not existed in the revenue collecting agencies of the United States or Germany, where fundamental change in tax collection has recently been introduced.

A choice of explanations is available. The kindest is to recognize the under-resourcing of the tax collection agency, so that any change inevitably makes demands simply by reason of its introduction. But there is a deeper reason. Working in the Revenue department induces a deep psychological suspicion of change. By the very nature of the work, the spirit of adventure or creativity in the individual is weakened or destroyed. Revenue officials work closely to precedent.

How is it then that the Inland Revenue department has provided so valuable a training ground for business and political careers? The answer is that those who have had personal capacity for change have been drained away. The department has been a forcing house for talent, permitting Revenue officials to acquire skills readily marketable elsewhere. Those who have not left have taken refuge in cynicism or eccentricity to mask their incapacity to beat the system.

If ministers are again to become again the masters of the tax system, they must find a new breed of servants. The obvious solution is for them to privatize the agency, for tax collection is one of the biggest businesses in the country.

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David Owen argues for closer scrutiny of the security services

Give us a real watchdog

It is a sensible, if minor, reform of the Prime Minister to appoint an internal complaints commissioner for the security services. But this is not an Ombudsman in any true sense of the word. It is a counselling mechanism, not an independent complaints procedure. It is a useful confidence building measure in the sense that anyone in the security services worried about any activity can confide in an independent and wise person, but miles away from democratic scrutiny. That the Prime Minister shows little sign of conceding.

Within the closed community of the security services it is possible for practices to build up which should cause concern but to which senior staff have become indifferent. The safety valve of an internal commission may lead to a reappraisal of some current practices and to greater peace of mind outside the security services, and this can be no bad thing.

If Mrs Thatcher wants to undertake another sensible tidying up measure, she should introduce something similar to the US CIA secrecy agreement. This imposes on their employees a contractual obligation sustainable in a court of law not to disclose, without approval, classified or classifiable information obtained in the course of their employment. Despite my suggesting such an arrangement, the government appears to want to continue to rely on employees of the security and intelligence services being bound by their terms and conditions of employment which, though debarring them from publishing, without authority, information obtained in the course of their duties, seems ineffective.

Why else did the government not take any action against Viking Penguin in the US for publishing Peter Wright's *Spycatcher*? The CIA's secrecy agreement would have been sufficiently strong in a US court to ensure that the book could not be published. Perhaps the government is waiting for a final legal defeat before recognizing publicly the inadequacy of the present contractual arrangements. Let us hope that it does not delay long before making this change.

Hurd: his 'secrecy' objection does not stand up

Wright: would have been foiled by an American-style law

Another much-needed reform is a Freedom of Information Act. Though it is becoming pretty clear that the government will resist the private member's bill drawn up by Tory backbencher Richard Shepherd, this issue will not go away and legislation is urgent. It would be a splendid revolt if sufficient Conservative MPs were prepared to support this important though necessarily limited step towards freedom of information.

The fundamental reform, however, remains to introduce an acceptable mechanism for Parliament itself to have greater oversight of the security services. At present the main democratic safeguard is the personal scrutiny which the Home Secretary and Foreign Secretary exercise in their respective ministerial capacity responsible for the different parts of the security services. They are supplemented by No 10 Downing Street and the Prime Minister's overall responsibility for the security services.

It is important, however, that some prime ministers' interest in taking for themselves direct control continues to be resisted, for there are grave dangers in concentrating all power in one minister and the spread across three senior ministers is itself important in any democracy. But it has to be acknowledged that different ministers give different levels of attention to the day-to-day scrutiny of the security services. A few, in the past, have taken little interest and, in effect, the security services have then been monitored almost solely by the relevant departmental permanent secretary.

One of the most immediate effects of introducing parliamentary oversight would be to force those senior ministers always to devote a considerable part of their time to the security services – if for no other reason than that they would face questioning by senior colleagues and would not want to appear ill-informed.

Parliament technically exerts most of its democratic control over the executive by scrutinizing expenditure. The security services vote has been traditionally exempt from any parliamentary select committee or parliamentary debate. Indeed, successive governments have massaged the vote in ways that have not been strictly compatible with conventions.

Almost everyone in the Commons accepts that the security services cannot be scrutinized in the same manner as other government departments. But what has been interesting is to watch over the last decade the number of senior parliamentarians who have become converted to the case for parliamentary scrutiny. They have witnessed the complete breakdown of the previous convention that issues relating to the security services should not be raised on the floor of the House.

That rule, for which there is much merit, is now flagrantly broken. Yet it would now be impossible to return to that earlier desirable convention without a few senior parliamentary colleagues being vested with the scrutiny capacity on behalf of the whole House. Such scrutiny, conducted in private in special rooms with special facilities for handling classified documents, occurs in the US Senate and House of Representatives and in many other parliaments.

It would involve questioning the Home Secretary, the Foreign Secretary and key officials. It would not involve knowledge of day-to-day security operations but should deal with the broad outline of the security services' activities.

The Home Secretary, Douglas Hurd, has said this would mean the representatives sitting inside the barrier of secrecy, and that that would put up a barrier between them and the rest of Parliament. In a sense that is true, but it is because Parliament senses the need for some of its number to go behind the barrier of secrecy and question the executive that they are prepared to delegate that responsibility to a few of their number well-qualified to to so.

There would be merit in such a committee being composed of members from both Houses of Parliament, for this would allow a mixed committee, composed not just of party politicians, but leavened with people of experience from the judiciary, the Civil Service, or the Armed Services.

As happened with the Franks Committee investigating the Falklands, the members of the committee could be made Privy Councillors and this would obviate the need for positive vetting. Though even this might exceptionally be conceded if Parliament felt it necessary.

Ben Pimlott

Terminate this dangerous bill

David Alton's Abortion Reform Bill, presented to Parliament last week and due for a second reading in January, is a clever and pernicious device aimed at undermining one of the most enlightened and important legal changes since the war.

It is the more sinister for being gift-wrapped as a modest proposal when it is nothing of the kind.

By setting a legal limit of 18 instead of 28 weeks, without exceptions, the bill aims to make abortion much harder to obtain. It is only sensible, Alton's backers argue, that a law passed in the permissive Sixties should be adjusted in the post-permissive Eighties. Even those who support the 1967 Act appear to have been half persuaded. "The rhetoric of the Right to Choose lobby is now rather out of tune with the times," cautions *The Guardian*. "There is more of a recoil now from 'social' abortions".

Guilt plays a key role. "Are you proud that three million foetuses have died in your country since 1967, or are you ashamed?" asks *The Spectator*. "If ashamed, support Mr Alton." Or, to put it another way, do you have a vague feeling that there is too much decadence around? Then back something that looks like a moral prohibition.

In fact, however, the bill has nothing whatever to do with morality and a great deal to do with a principle, "that all abortion is murder", which most British people do not support; and with the illness, suffering, crime and death that the intended change would bring about.

In law, the key issue is "viability" – whether the foetus might survive outside the womb. The increased chance of viability at 24 weeks strengthens the case for making this the limit (which, in general, it already is).

Alton's proposed reduction to 18 weeks, however, is of a different order and would prevent many women from terminating pregnancies that had gone seriously wrong.

Of 172,288 registered abortions in 1986, only 29 were carried out after 24 weeks. On the other hand, 5,865 were performed beyond 18 weeks, and upon this large group the bill's impact would be drastic. In practice, other women would also be affected. Doctors would be reluctant to operate beyond 16 weeks, to allow a margin of error, and some women who fear that they might need abortions later are likely to have them earlier in order to beat the gun.

Such tests as serial scanning and amniocentesis (for Down's Syndrome) are best carried out late. If the bill is passed, unnecessary and subsequently regretted operations might be performed, based on an over-hasty interpretation of the evidence. Even when foetal abnormality is diagnosed by the 18th week, a period for cancelling, and for considering options, is desirable. Some women, after all, are able and willing to raise a severely handicapped child. But they need time to think.

Where foetal abnormality is not involved, a majority of women seeking a late abortion do so for one or more of the following reasons: extreme youth, poverty, ill health, low intelligence, sexual assault, ignorance or a failure to cope with official obstacles early in pregnancy.

There are some cases of women or young girls seeking what *The Guardian* calls "social" abortions. Here there is room for a difference of opinion. Some may feel that a 16-year-old heroin addict made pregnant through prostitution is getting her just deserts. It is worth pointing out, however, that the bill would also make it illegal to operate on a raped teenager who had been too scared to come forward before the deadline.

Of course, not all women would be equally affected. The better off and more articulate would find ways around the law (as happened before 1967) or will go to clinics abroad. It is unlikely, for example, that many of the daughters of the MPs who support the Alton bill, if unlucky enough to need an abortion, would be prevented from having one.

But for others there would be the grim choice, once again, between feeding the orphanages and residential homes for which the Alton bill makes no financial provision and a resort to a lethal back-street industry which, mercifully, the David Steel Act has put out of business for 20 years.

One of the religious groups calls itself "Life". A fact that doesn't feature much in its propaganda is that abortion, the biggest cause of maternal mortality before 1967, is negligible as a cause of death today, but will presumably figure once more in the statistics if the bill goes through.

Despite a preference by some doctors for 24 weeks rather than 28, the medical consensus is that the Steel Act has been a success, and the BMA has been its most vigorous defender. Yet it is a misconception that in Britain there is something close to "abortion on demand". The requirement of two doctors' signatures, indicating clear physical or mental grounds, is a hurdle which it is difficult for many women to surmount. It is notorious that abortion is hard to obtain from some doctors and hospitals and in some towns.

If Mr Alton's desire was genuinely to reduce the number of late abortions he would be trying to make it easier for women to terminate their pregnancy, if necessary, early on. He would be demanding the establishment of a minimum level of abortion service in every district health authority. He would be insisting on better counselling services. Above all, he would be calling for increased spending on the means for early testing.

A serious abortion law would also be concerned about the care of women who undergo abortions or who decide, often courageously, not to do so. Mr Alton's bill has nothing to say on these things because its actual objective is to gain a point in a much more ambitious long-term plan.

It must be defeated.

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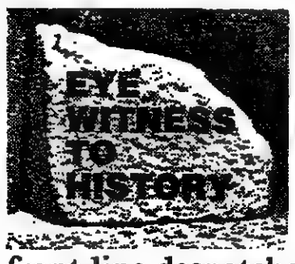
Amid the cannon roar, a disciplined desperation



The Times continues its selection from a new anthology of some of the most vivid reports in history with front-line despatches from two of its own distinguished correspondents. **William Howard Russell** was at the Charge of the Light Brigade; **Robert Fisk** viewed a camp of carnage

VALLEY OF DEATH

On October 25, 1854, soon after the start of the Crimean War, a Russian force attacked the British-French supply port of Balaclava. The subsequent British counter-attack led to the most glorious disaster in military annals.

Now occurred the melancholy catastrophe which fills us all with sorrow. It appears that the Quartermaster General, Brigadier Airey, thinking that the Light Cavalry had not gone far enough in front when the enemy's horse had fled, gave an order in writing to Captain Nolan, 15th Hussars, to take to Lord Lucan, directing His Lordship "to advance" his cavalry nearer to the enemy.

I should premise that, as the Russian cavalry retired, their infantry fell back towards the head of the valley, leaving men in three redoubts. They had also placed some guns on the heights over their position. Their cavalry joined the reserves, and drew up in six solid divisions across the entrance to the gorge. Six battalions of infantry were placed behind them, and about 30 guns were drawn up along their line, while masses of infantry were also collected on the hills behind the redoubts on our right.

Lord Lucan with reluctance gave the order to Lord Cardigan to advance upon the guns, conceiving that his orders compelled him to do so. The noble Earl, though he did not shrink, also saw the fearful odds against him. Don Quixote in his tilt against the windmill was not near so rash and reckless as the gallant fellows who prepared without a thought to rush on to almost certain death.

The only support our Light Cavalry had was the reserve of Heavy Cavalry at a great distance behind – the infantry and guns being far in the rear. There were no squadrons in column and there was a plain to charge over before the enemy's guns were reached of a mile and a half in length.

At ten past eleven our Light Cavalry Brigade rushed to the front. The whole brigade scarcely made one effective regiment, according to the numbers of continental armies; and yet it was more than we could spare. As they passed towards the front, the Russians opened on them from the guns in the redoubts on the right, with volleys of musketry and rifles.

They swept proudly past, glittering in the morning sun in all the pride and splendour of war. We could hardly believe the evidence of our senses! Surely that handful of men were not going to charge an army in position? Alas! It was but too true – their desperate valour knew no bounds, and far indeed was it removed from its so-called better part – discretion. They advanced in two lines, quickening their pace as they closed towards the enemy. A more fearful spectacle was never witnessed than by those who, without the power to aid, beheld their heroic countrymen rushing to the arms of death.

At a distance of 1,200 yards the whole line of the enemy belched forth, from 30 iron mouths, a flood of smoke and flame, through which hissed the deadly balls. Their flight was marked by instant gaps in our ranks, by dead men and horses, by steeds flying wounded or riderless across the plain. The first line was broken – it was joined by the second, they never halted or checked their speed an instant.

With diminished ranks, thinned by those 30 guns, which the Russians had laid with the most deadly accuracy, with a halo of flashing steel above their heads, and with a cheer which was many a noble fellow's death cry, they flew into the smoke of the batteries; but ere they were lost from view, the plain was strewed with their bodies and with the carcasses of horses. They were exposed to an oblique fire from the batteries on the hills on both sides, as well as to a direct fire of musketry.

Through the clouds of smoke we could see their sabres flashing as they rode up to the guns and dashed between them, cutting down the gunners as they stood. The blaze of their steel, as an officer standing near me said, was 'like the turn of a shoal of mackerel'. We saw them riding through the guns, as I have said: to our delight we saw them returning, after breaking through a column of Russian infantry, and scattering them like chaff, when the flank fire of the battery on the hill swept them down, scattered and broken as they were.

Wounded men and dismounted troopers flying towards us told the sad tale – demigods could not have done what they had failed to do. At the very moment when they were about to retreat, an enormous mass of lancers was hurled upon their flanks. Colonel Shewell, of the 8th Hussars, saw the danger, and rode his few men straight at them, cutting his way through with fearful loss. The other regiments turned and engaged in a desperate encounter.

With courage too great almost for credence, they were breaking their way through the columns which enveloped them, when there took place an act of atrocity without parallel in the modern warfare of civilized nations. The Russian gunners, when the storm of cavalry passed, returned to their guns. They saw their own cavalry mingled with the troopers who had just ridden over them, and to the eternal disgrace of the Russian name the miscreants poured a murderous volley of grape and canister on the mass of struggling men and horses, mingling friend and foe in one common ruin. It was as much as our Heavy Cavalry Brigade could do to cover the retreat of the remnants of that band of heroes as they returned to the place they had so lately quitted in all the pride of life.

At twenty-five to twelve not a British soldier, except the dead and dying, was left in front of these bloody Muscovite guns.

BEIRUT MASSACRE

The Israeli army invaded southern Lebanon on June 6, 1982, and PLO forces were evacuated to Syria at the end of August under US supervision. The Israelis then gave the Lebanese militia the run of the Palestinian refugee camps of Chabra and Chatila, in Beirut.

They were everywhere, in the road, in laneways, in backyards and broken rooms, beneath crumpled masonry and across the top of garbage tips. The murderers – the Christian militiamen whom Israel had let into the camp to "flush out terrorists" 14 hours before had only just left. In some cases the blood was still wet on the ground. When we had seen a hundred bodies, we stopped counting.

Down every alleyway there were corpses – women, young men, babies and grandparents – lying together in lazy and terrible profusion where they had been knifed or machine-gunned to death.

The full story of what happened in Chatila on Friday night and Saturday morning may never be known, for most of the witnesses are either dead or would never wish to reveal their guilt.

What is quite certain is that at 6 pm on Friday, truckloads of gunmen in the uniform of the right-wing Christian Phalange militia and Major Saad Haddad's renegade army from southern Lebanon were seen by reporters entering the southern gate of the camp. Israeli troops and armour around the perimeter made no attempt to stop them.

What we found inside the camps at ten o'clock next morning did not quite beggar description, although it would perhaps be easier to retell in a work of fiction or in the cold prose of a medical report.

Just inside the southern gates there used to be a number of single-storey concrete houses. All been dynamited to the ground. Down a laneway to our right lay a pile of corpses. There were more than a dozen of them, young men whose arms and legs had become entangled with each other in the agony of death. All had been shot at point-blank range through the right or left cheek. One had been castrated. The youngest was perhaps only 12 or 13.

On the other side of the main road we found the bodies of five women and several children. The women were middle-aged, and their corpses lay draped over a pile of rubble. One lay on her back, her dress torn open, with the head of a little girl emerging from behind her. The girl had short, dark curly hair and there was a frown on her face. She was dead.

Another child lay on the roadway like a discarded flower, her white dress stained with mud and dust. She could have been no more than three. The back of her head had been blown away by a bullet. One of the women held a baby to her body. The bullet that had passed through her breast had killed the baby too.

Below the low wall a line of young men and boys lay prostrated. They had been shot in the back against the wall in a ritual execution, and they lay, at once pathetic and terrible, where they had fallen. The execution wall and its huddle of corpses was somehow reminiscent of something seen before, and only afterwards did we realize how similar it all was to those old photographs of executions in Occupied Europe during the Second World War.

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TOMORROW
Witnesses of courage

TIMES PAST THE TIMES

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MAO'S HEIRS . . .

Over the past ten days, China's reconditioned publicity machine has provided a tantalizing glimpse of one fifth of the world in transition. The fading of the men who fought their way to power four decades ago has coincided with the advance of modern communications and the penetration of Western economic wealth to bring China to the threshold of a new age.

Before the 13th Party Congress, the will of the Chinese leadership to cross that threshold was in doubt. Now, the doubt must be less China's will — that has been unequivocally stated — than its ability to accomplish the task it has set itself.

The retirement of the elderly revolutionaries is a step in the right direction. It is rare for senior officials in a one-party state to relinquish any of their vast power voluntarily, and a development to be encouraged. The significance of the retirement of Deng Xiaoping and his old comrades in arms can, however, be exaggerated. So far it is a symbol rather than a fact.

Deng has retained his chairmanship of the party's Military Commission which leaves him China's de facto leader. He has long held no formal position in the Chinese leadership beyond his membership of the leading bodies. Yet he has been the ultimate arbiter in policy as in personnel matters. He is likely to exercise that authority so long as he is able.

The retirement of his colleagues has been similarly incomplete. They have all transferred to the Central Advisory Commission, a body of elder statesmen whose size and possibly influence will have been boosted by its new members. While the Commission has played little part hitherto in determining policy, it could none the less stall measures it disliked.

The chief merit of the changes formalized at the Congress is that they have established a framework which should prevent an unseemly struggle for power after Deng's death. The clearer lines of authority should also make policy more consistent. They do little, however, to solve the chief problem — for China as for any undemocratic state — of transferring power in future.

Nor is there any guarantee that without the eminence of Deng Xiaoping behind him, the new General Secretary, Zhao Ziyang, will necessarily be unchallenged, particularly in the event of economic failure or civil unrest. Constitutional amendments have gone some way to strengthen the top leadership in relation to other party bodies. But that awaits proof in practice.

Zhao Ziyang's recommendations for the restructuring of the party cadre system at the beginning of the Congress offer a similar test. If they are enacted, China may in the future have a professional civil service and party officials elected for limited terms of office. If they are not, however, China is unlikely to become, as its leaders have pledged, a constitutional state in which all are equal before the law. Recent years have offered too much evidence of Chinese enjoying their absolute power over other Chinese for anyone to be confident about the prospects.

Certainly, Zhao's policy speech made the present advance towards a more market-orientated economy seem more secure. Even if the theoretical justification for it — Chinese existence in the primary stage of socialism — raises more questions than it answers. Nor should the importance of a formal congress document be underestimated. Even though many clauses only endorsed current practice the specific sanction given to controversial issues like private enterprise, share-ownership and leasing, will help to establish them as norms. In future it should be harder for local officials to hamper the ambitious risk-taker who abided by the law.

The leadership's nod in the direction of greater civil and human rights is also welcome, less because of the limited legal measures that are promised than because China has unusually acknowledged before the world that its record could bear improvement. The appreciation that individuals have rights in a society that has traditionally favoured the collective, is perhaps an encouraging product of China's opening to the world. It needs to be extended.

In its latest period of opening, China has been notorious for taking just as much from the West as will benefit its economic development while shutting the door firmly against the diversity of ideas that provide the conditions for innovation. If the Chinese leadership is no longer completely deaf to Western complaints about human rights abuses perhaps it will also open an ear to the complaints from its trading partners about corruption, lack of candour and attempts by China to gain a one-way advantage by keeping its domestic market closed.

During the congress, Deng Xiaoping, the shrewd peasant from Sichuan who bounced back from adversity innumerable times, was elevated into a paradigm for future leaders of China. His role as Mao Tse-Tung's right-hand man in the disastrous "great leap forward" was forgotten, as were his ruthless power brokerage (which brought the removal of Hu Yaobang as general secretary this year), and the blind eye he turned, when it suited him, to the persecution of intellectuals and dissidents.

Deng is now exclusively the architect and pioneer of China's reforms, the wise leader who knew what was right for China and proceeded accordingly. So long as his successors do not forsake his teaching, it is implied, they are the right leaders and secure. But the most important tests still lie ahead. Will Deng's image and the authority which it has conferred on his successors survive once he passes on? If it does, will the new leadership recognize the need to prepare for its own succession in time?

. . . AND STALIN'S

China's Communist Party "liberalizes" or "reforms". Meanwhile, the world's attention is also caught by the power whose leaders are old hands at "liberalizing" or "reforming", or rather at promising both. The first thing to keep in mind about Mr Gorbachov's speech yesterday is that its author is in a tradition of "liberalizing" Soviet leaders.

Most people remember that something similar happened in the Soviet Union under Khruschev in the second half of the 1950s. By the autumn of 1964, Khruschev — who had aroused great hopes in the West — was overthrown. Less well remembered is that it also happened under Lenin in the first half of the 1920s. The New Economic Policy (NEP), proclaimed in 1922, was a partial restoration of private enterprise. It went rather further than — so far — *perestroika* and *glasnost* put together. It lasted about six years.

By adopting the NEP, an earlier Soviet leadership thought it safe enough to encourage limited private enterprise just five years after the revolution, and at a time when official propaganda still depicted the Soviet Union as being under threat from the capitalist powers — the previous justification for "war communism". Now, 65 years later, the Soviet Union is one of the two most powerful states in the world. It has the world's largest army. It occupies half Europe. Yet it is still unclear whether its leader would be able to introduce private enterprise, and the liberalism which historically has always accompanied private enterprise in Western societies. It is even unclear whether he really wants to. Mr Gorbachov's speech yesterday should therefore be received by the West with extreme caution.

There is nothing cynical about saying that. It is Mr Gorbachov who, by convincing the West that he is a liberal, and luring it into arms agreements favourable to the Soviet Union, may prove to be the cynic. Yesterday he delivered a vast oration touching on some of the most disputed events of the 20th century. It will have to be carefully studied for the mass of codes, signals and nuances embedded in it. At this stage, anything said about it should be tentative.

Mr Gorbachov is widely depicted as the Soviet leader who most resembles a Western politician. In yesterday's speech he did show some similarities with that breed. There must be more freedom in the economy, he said, as a rebuke to those old Stalinists — or at least Brezhnev appointees — who are absurdly described in the West as "conservatives", as if they were followers of Edmund Burke. But he also warned against those in the party who want to go too far too quickly — presumably a reference to those whom he regards as the more hotheaded among his fellow "liberals". From all this, it might be inferred that he is just like the average skilful Western politician — a Macmillan, a Wilson, a Nixon, a Mitterrand — a devotee of the Middle Way, or one who tells his party what it wants to hear while doing the opposite. But if that is true, then — as with those famously adroit Westerners — we do not know what he intends to do until he does it.

Mr Gorbachov did behave like a Western politician in one respect yesterday when dealing with the problem of what the attitude of the Soviet Union should now be towards Stalin. Like any Western politician who does not want to take responsibility for something controversial, he set up a committee. In fact two committees will look into aspects of the problem. Khruschev did not require even one. This raises the question: what kind of Soviet Union is it in which committees are still required to determine the merits and demerits of one of the great mass-murderers of history? Perhaps a Soviet Union with whose present leader the West should deal very cautiously.

Modest disclaimer

From Mr Uri Geller

Sir, In your preview of the TV programme, "Is There Anybody There?", on October 31 you quote me as saying, "My belief in gold is very important to me . . ."

What I said was my belief in *God* was very important, etc.

Up to a point I am a businessman, but my family's well-being, my spiritual and my religious beliefs dwarf any materialistic desires I might have.

Yours sincerely,
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Court sentencing

From Mr C. H. Moiser

Sir, At long last the Government seem to be taking on board the point that their task, on behalf of the community, is to attempt to reduce crime, which in itself might well not be synonymous with reducing imprisonment.

The probation service, (letters, October 22) always talks about successful remedial sentencing within the community, but the facts are quite different. Sentencing within the community, which has been with us for a decade or more, in its present form, has seen a 100 per cent crime rise in about eight years. Seventy per cent of crimes committed do not end with the offender being found even.

The *Home Office Statistical Bulletin* (November, 1986) reveals that overall 41 per cent of those on probation were reconvicted within two years of sentence and over 56 per cent were reconvicted within five years. Over 51 per cent made the subject of community service orders were reconvicted of further offences within two years.

In 1985, 40,880 offenders were placed on probation and 27,230 were made the subject of community service orders. Forty-one per cent of the former and 51 per cent of the offenders on community service were reconvicted of further offences during the periods of those orders. If that is success, I shudder to think what failure would be.

Of the "successful" percentage, it is highly likely half of them would not have re-offended anyway, whatever court order had been made, so why not choose cheaper (fine?) alternatives? The real problem is how to sentence after a failed community-based sentence: more community sentencing?

Suspended sentences, probation and community service orders are not, nor are they seen by the public to be, punitive in the slightest degree, but "a let-off".

Yours faithfully,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Making good gale damage

From the President of the Garden History Society

Sir, Through the initiative of English Heritage in compiling a register of historic parks and gardens a valuable tool is now available for identifying those of greatest importance.

As grant aid from English Heritage will of necessity be for historical restoration, it is essential for landowners to record what has been lost before it is cleared away.

In cases where it has been established that a park was designed by Evelyn, Bridgeman, Kent, Brown or Repton, it may now be possible to identify the actual location of the trees planted by them, as distinct from more recent plantings, thus giving a truer picture of their designed landscapes.

We would therefore encourage owners of damaged historic parks to indicate the location and species of the fallen tree on a map, which will show whether it is in woodland or open park, and if possible

1. Measure its height and girth at 1.5 metres from what used to be ground level.
2. Slice a 2in slab as low as possible, label it and store it so that, when time permits, the tree may be dated from its rings — easily done by an amateur.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Tom O'Connor

Sir, A tangible benefit to the Exchequer is going to be the amount of VAT charged on repairs which are the subject of insurance claims. Add the tax bonus resulting from the run on DIY shops etc and the Chancellor should be getting in quite a few extra millions.

Yours faithfully,
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What on Earth?

From the Secretary General of the European Geophysical Society

Sir, The letter from Dr R. M. Wood (October 5), entitled "Geophysics left out in the cold", exposes a truism, but creates a wrong impression. The truism is that in this country geophysics has long been regarded as a Cinderella of the sciences and generally had a poor deal. The wrong impression is that poor British geophysicists, shunned by the all-powerful geologists, have been forced into an unnatural marriage with astronomers.

Increasingly the space age is revealing a wealth of information on planets other than the Earth. It is no longer scientifically acceptable to restrict the study of geophysics to terrestrial physics. The prefix "geo" is having to become redefined. Purists may object, but one can talk about the "geology of the Moon".

There could never have been a more inappropriate time to suggest earthing geology by changing its title to "Earth sciences" (your correspondence, September 24), or to conceive that geology, geophysics and geochemistry should be unified in a "British Earth Sciences Society" (your correspondence, October 5). It is perhaps, after all, not so unnatural for geophysics and its partner, planetology, to find a home under the umbrella of astronomy.

Dr Wood mentions the highly successful American Geophysical Union, but he seems unaware of the existence of the similarly-modelled, much younger, but expanding European Geophysical Society. This society has always been well supported by British geophysicists; indeed, it came into being largely through the activities of British enthusiasts.

Some years ago the society considered changing its name to avoid the embarrassment of terminology, but it finally opted to define geophysics on all its official documentation by adding the subtitle, "for the study of the Earth and planetary sciences".

Sincerely,
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Olympics application

From the Ambassador of Greece

Sir, I was saddened to see, in a report on your sports pages of October 16 concerning the 1996 Olympic Games, the assertion that "Greece has not been the most politically stable country in the recent past and another military coup similar to the one in 1967 could scupper its chances."

Your reporter is obviously not familiar with the functioning of democracy in Greece since its restoration in 1974, which has been a period of exemplary political stability. As you must be well aware, four general elections have been held in that time, each of which returned to power a party with an absolute majority in Parliament.

In these circumstances, reference to a possible military coup is neither credible nor in good taste.

Yours sincerely,
S. G. STATHATOS,
Greek Embassy,
1A Holland Park, W11.
October 21.

Placing blame for market drop

From Mr A. Doll-Steinberg

Sir, Lord Jay's letter (October 29) is based on a misconception. Until October, 1930, the crash and its aftermath, taken together, had the character of a severe but normal bear market — little worse, from the standpoint of the time, than the panic of 1907, after which both the stock market and the economy had recovered satisfactorily.

Moreover, quite unusually, a recession had started in August, 1929, i.e., actually before the peak and the crash. The US is not even in a recession at present.

The real damage, both to the US stock market and to the US and world economies, was in fact done from 1930 onwards as a result of two US banking crises, in October, 1930, and March, 1931. These crises were, of course, by-products of the crash; they could perhaps be compared with the secondary banking crises in Britain after 1974-75. Unlike the latter, however, they were mishandled by the monetary authorities, the then fledgling Federal Reserve, and exacerbated by the fact that the US was on the gold standard, culminating in the flight of gold from the US in autumn, 1931.

Roosevelt, whom Lord Jay praises, on coming into office did suspend the convertibility of the dollar, as Nixon, whom he appears to criticise without mentioning by name, also did some forty years later but more thoroughly. However, any president could hardly have done less then either of them at those times.

The dire economic consequences that Lord Jay now foresees on the basis of facile comparisons between the recent stock market crash and that of 1929 seem to me, therefore, to be far-fetched.

However, the airy assertion that even the rise to power of Hitler can be blamed on the gyrations of Wall Street in 1929 is actually staggering. By 1929-31 a chain of consequences in Germany itself, stretching from defeat in the First World War, the collapse of order, unrealistic demands for reparations and the resulting hyper-inflation in the early 1920s which destroyed the wealth of the middle class, had practically made Hitler's final rise to power a disaster merely waiting its time to happen.

If Lord Jay wants to ascribe this neatly to a single event, I would suggest he consider for that role the economic chaos in Germany and Austria in 1931, including the collapse of the Creditanstalt, Austria's largest bank, caused by the withdrawal of deposits (i.e., gold) by French banks in retaliation for the planned Austro-German customs union.

The US monetary authorities were not alone in making mistakes of historic significance in that era.

Yours faithfully,
A. DOLL-STEINBERG,
Hollin House,
18 Holly Walk, NW3.
November 1.

Alliance merger

From the President of the Liberal Party

Sir, Reports of rows, let alone breakdown, between Liberals and Social Democrats over the issue of a policy prospectus (details, October 28) are a fiction. The issue was not even discussed at the last meeting of the joint negotiating team.

The facts are that over a period of about one hour Mr Maclennan and one or two of his colleagues set out the SDP argument for producing a policy prospectus as part of the constitutional "package" for a merger of our two parties.

Before he began, the Liberal team made it clear that we would prefer to give our considered response this week after Mr Steel's return from America. There was no argument. The meeting moved on to other key matters and further agreement was reached, as it has been at every meeting to date.

Subsequently Mr Maclennan has been reported as talking about the possible "failure" of the talks. This is a little surprising as we have yet to respond or disagree. It is certainly in our joint interest and the interest of the electorate that they succeed and I know that remains his objective.

Meanwhile I can only assume that the reports of splits between ashen-faced negotiators that have been circulating have been put about by individuals who, unlike Mr Maclennan, want the talks to fail. Misinformation will not serve their purpose.

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN SLADE, President,
The Liberal Party,
28 St Leonards Road, SW14.
November 2.

Cathedral threat

From Mr Andrew Anderson

Sir, English Heritage and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (Diary, October 27) are not alone in hoping the dean and chapter will think again about knocking a hole in the north transept of Norwich Cathedral to create an entrance to a new store room.

When I began worshipping in the cathedral 35 years ago the floors were swept every morning by the old stoker, Hardy, who lived with his brooms and buckets of sawdust in the boilerhouse outside the north ambulatory door. I cannot believe that this dry, spacious room is unsuitable, especially as the boiler is no longer coal-fired.

If the size of the boilerhouse is not, for some reason, adequate, there is a stone pen the size of a squash court, used for burning rubbish, and a derelict workmen's lavatory, also only a foot or two from the ambulatory door, which could be converted to make a verger's store large enough to take every piece of cleaning apparatus imaginable.

We are from time to time invited by the dean and chapter to attend "cathedral consultations", but they never include subjects like preserving Norman masonry.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW ANDERSON,
1 The Close,
Norwich, Norfolk.

Access to papers

From Mr A. B. Phillips

Sir, Mr Chowdharay-Best writes (October 21) about delays in availability at the British Library Newspaper Library. His comments relate chiefly to UK provincial newspapers: national newspapers are bound and become available for use within three to six months. As far as provincial titles are concerned, almost all 1985's bound volumes are now available to readers.

Beginning with 1986 issues, the Newspaper Library will microfilm all UK newspapers upon receipt and readers will use the microfilm. The original copies, however, will still be retained. The microfilm will be available to readers more quickly than the bound volumes are now.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW PHILLIPS (Director, Public Services, Humanities & Social Sciences),
The British Library,
Great Russell Street, WC1.
October 26.

Double trouble

From Mr Richard Usborne

Sir, Unless things have changed since my Oxford days, there is no "double first in Greats", such as your PHS today (October 28) says Lord Hailsham took in 1930. What Quintin Hogg, as he then was, had taken was a first in Mods, followed by a first in Greats; a double first indeed, but not in Greats.

I remember that in the 1930s a new novel by Beverley Nichols (Balliol 1917, '19 and '20) ascribed a double first in Greats to one of his characters and I teased him about it in a review. I had checked with Humphry Ellis (double first, Mods and Greats), then Assistant Editor of *Punch*, that Nichols (B) had committed a misnomer.

He agreed and said, "It sounds like something specially reserved for Quintin" — Hogg (the Hon Q.) being the great Oxford examinee of our day. He got everything, ending up with an All Souls fellowship — but not a double first in Greats.

Yours,
RICHARD USBORNE,
(*double third, Mods and Greats*),
8 Crofton House,
1 New Cavendish Street, W1.
October 28.

Telecom surveys

From the Director General of Oftel

Sir, You report (October 27) that I "stunned consumer organisations and politicians" by announcing that because Telecom was now publishing its own figures Oftel would stop its surveys. That is not an accurate report of what I said in my statement.

I said that it would not be sensible for Oftel to *replicate every year* measures of BT's performance which can easily be obtained within the BT network (emphasis added). However, the key statement was the one that followed:

"My objectives in continuing Oftel's work on quality of service will be to improve my understanding of consumers' attitudes to BT's performance, to obtain evidence about the reliability of BT's statistics, as necessary, and to cover topics that are not dealt with in BT's statistics.

Yours sincerely,
BRYAN CARSBERG,
Director General,
Office of Telecommunications,
Atlantic House,
Holborn Viaduct, EC1.

Relative values

From Mr Alan Wykes

Sir, Two headlines on page 2 of *The Times* today (later editions, October 31) suggest an incongruity of priorities: "£250,000 grant for kidney wards"; "Spy book (*Spycatcher*, of course) law suits 'cost £2m'".

Yours with a cynical smile,
ALAN WYKES,
382 Tilehurst Road,
Reading, Berkshire.

Rate for the job

From Dr G. L. Taylor

Sir, This morning I received a cheque for £50: the fee for examining a PhD candidate in London for 3½ hours. This evening I parted with £51.75: the fee for a plumber to unblock my sewer, a task requiring 40 minutes.

Is this a further example of the brain drain?

Yours etc,
GARRY TAYLOR,
University of Oxford,
Laboratory of Molecular Biophysics,
The Rex Richards Building,
South Parks Road, Oxford.
October 21.

Classics helped author of 'v'

From the President of the Classical Association of Great Britain

Sir, I was sorry to have been out of the country and to have missed what appear to have been lively discussions on the future of classics. I was glad, therefore, to have returned in time to read the letter from Mr Hector Thomson (October 31) affirming the central role of Latin in the continuity of English literature.

While I should like to remind him that English literature did not come to an end with T. S. Eliot, a former president of this association, I am very glad to be able to endorse all he said by swearing, if I may be permitted, that without the many years I spent acquiring Latin and Greek I should never have been able to compose my poem *v*.

Yours faithfully,
TONY HARRISON, President,
The Classical Association of Great Britain,
c/o Department of Classics,
University College, Cardiff,
PO Box 78,
Cardiff, South Glamorgan.
October 31.

ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 3 1924

The British Empire Exhibition of 1924 was a runaway success in spite of the weather. As the Prince of Wales pointed out on the closing day some 18 million people had passed through the turnstiles

CLOSING OF THE EXHIBITION.

SERVICE TO EMPIRE.

THE PRINCE OF WALES'S SPEECH.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

On Saturday afternoon the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley was publicly closed by its President, the Prince of Wales.

Its end was like Ophelia's. It had too much of water. The English weather, which had done its best to ruin the Exhibition's life, did a final deed of spite by coming to insult its death. Thunder and lightning, a snowstorm, a true London fog — any of our other kinds of bad weather would have been more dignified, more impressive, more suitable to the occasion than that dull, relentless rain, that dismal November mist. Nevertheless, with the British keenness which we like to pretend is phlegm, some thousands of people had come to Wembley; and, wading through lakes and fording rivers, had adventured up to the Stadium. The covered blocks were pretty full. Down in the uncovered blocks heroic hundreds were standing (because the benches were too wet to sit on) huddled together, seeking shelter under their own umbrellas and getting drenched by other people's.

Before the ceremony began they watched with faint curiosity some workmen, with fork and crowbar, searching for Atlantis in the largest of several oceans that had submerged much of the drive round the central bog. The lost continent was discovered just in time to save from death by drowning the massed pipers of the 1st and the 2nd Battalions, Scots Guards, and the 1st Battalion, Irish Guards, who stepped right on to it as they came in, to march, cheerily piping, all round the arena amid the enthusiastic condolences of the crowd. It seemed a pity that neither the British Navy nor the Mercantile Marine was represented in the ceremony. A few sailors, complete with ship, would have played an appropriate part.

When the pipers had done their march other musicians began to make a cheerful noise unto the bored. The programme told us that they were the massed bands of the Brigade of Guards; but from the opposite side of the stadium they were invisible, through the humid haze. Fortunately they were audible . . .

ATTENDANCE FIGURES.

The number of visitors to the British Empire Exhibition on Saturday was 97,499 and the total number who visited the Exhibition from April 23, when it was opened, until the closing hour on Saturday night was 17,403,119. The highest attendance on any one day was recorded on Whit Monday (June 9), when the figure was 321,232. Saturday proved to be the most popular day apart from Bank Holidays, and the highest Saturday attendances were registered during the first three weeks of September — the period of the Military Tattoo.

From the opening of the Exhibition to its close, over 4,000,000 persons have been detrained at the L.M.S. Wembley Station, and the handling of this abnormal traffic has been effected without incident. Including those who broke the journey at Euston and St. Pancras, the London Midland and Scottish Railway alone has dealt with approximately 6,750,000 Exhibition visitors. In addition to their ordinary service, the company have run 2,882 special trains, of which many came from distant parts of the provinces, and from places as far north as Inverness and Aberdeen. For the accommodation of these long-distance excursionists, dining cars were frequently attached to the trains, and 250 cooks, pages, and conductors were at times simultaneously employed on the dining cars throughout the L.M.S. system. The number of meals served on these during the period of the Exhibition reaches a total exceeding 1,220,000. . .

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 2: The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee of the Council, this afternoon attended a luncheon and meeting of the Council of St George's House at Windsor Castle.

His Royal Highness, Trustee, this evening attended a meeting of the Trustees of The Prince Philip Trust Fund for the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead at Windsor Castle.

The Prince Edward this morning presented the 1987 Schools Design Prize at the Science Museum, London SW7.

His Royal Highness was received by the Director, Design Council (Mr Keith Grant).

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

The Princess Royal this morning opened SPP plc's enlarged manufacturing plant in Coleford, Forest of Dean.

Having travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Colonel Martin Gibbs) and the Chairman of the Company (Mr John Nutt).

The Princess Royal, Chancellor of the University of London, this afternoon inaugurated the University College and Middlesex School of Medicine in the Edward Lewis Theatre in the Windeyer Building, Mortimer Street, London, W1.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Vice-Chancellor (the Lord Flowers) and subsequently attended a reception in the Upper Hall of University College London, Gower Street, London WC1.

The Princess Royal, President, Royal Yachting Association, this evening attended a reception at Simpson, Piccadilly, London W1 during International Yacht Racing Union Week.

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 2: The Duke of Gloucester today opened the New Buildings at New Lanark and the Abbeyfield House at Airdrie, Strathclyde.

His Royal Highness, attended by Lt Col Sir Simon Bland, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 2: The Duke of Kent today received the Right Hon Jordi Pujol, president of the Catalan Government.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Samaritans and Befrienders International, today attended the launch of the Cape to Cape Expedition at Barclays Bank PLC, St Swithin's House, London EC4.

Miss Sarah Partridge was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, Chancellor of the University of London, has accepted election to Fellowship of The Royal Veterinary College, London.

Viscount Linley celebrates his birthday today.

Birthdays today

Major-General Sir Allan Adair, 90; Mr Kenneth Baker, MP, 53; Mr John Biffen, MP, 57; Mr Jeremy Brett, actor, 52; Mr Charles Bronson, actor, 65; Lord Clanmorris, 79; Sir Kenneth Corley, former chairman, Joseph Lucas (Industries), 79; Miss Violetta Elvin, prima ballerina, 62; Cardinal Tomás Ó Fiaich, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, 64; Mrs Jean Floud, former principal, Newnham College, Cambridge, 72; Sir Philip Goodhart, MP, 62; Mr Larry Holmes, boxer, 38; Mr Ludovic Kennedy, broadcaster, 68; Sir Christopher Leaver, former Lord Mayor of London, 50; Baroness Lee of Asheridge, 83; the Earl of Lonsdale, 65; Lulu, singer and actress, 39; Major-General Viscount Monckton of Brenchley, 72; Mr Kenneth Morgan, director, Press Council, 59; Mr Conor Cruise O'Brien, journalist and author, 70; Mr Timothy Raison, MP, 58; Vice-Admiral Sir John Webster, 55.

Luncheon

Coal Industry Society
Mr Charles Wilson, Editor of *The Times*, was the principal speaker at a luncheon of the Coal Industry Society held yesterday at the Park Lane Hotel. Mr W.A. Dunn presided and Mr A.W. Ramsay, president, also spoke.

To Dr J.F.A. Mason
Dr J.F.A. Mason's former pupils gave a luncheon on Saturday, at Christ Church, Oxford, to mark his retirement as an Official Student of The House.

Reception

University College London
The Princess Royal, Chancellor of London University, attended a reception held yesterday at University College London, Gower Street, after the inauguration of the University College and Middlesex School of Medicine.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an Investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.
The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the World Wildlife Fund International, will visit Switzerland until November 6.
The Duchess of York will attend a cocktail party given by Floyd Oil Participations at the Natural History Museum at 7.15.
Prince Edward will attend a reception at New Zealand House at 7.15.
The Princess Royal, President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend the annual meeting of the fund at the Barbican Centre at 10.20; and, as Commandant-in-Chief of the St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, will visit the London Division, Becontree Combined Cadets, Camborne Primary School, Langley Crescent, Dagenham, at 7.00.
The Duke of Gloucester will open the new Ballast Control Simulator at Aberdeen Technical College, Spring Gardens, at 11.45; and will visit Trinity Hall, Great Western Road, at 12.45 to mark the 400th anniversary of the Seven Incorporated Trades of Aberdeen; later he will open the new facilities at St John's Nursing Home, 21 Albyn Place, Aberdeen, at 2.30.
The Duchess of Gloucester, as patron, will attend the annual meeting of BLOT (British Library of Tape Recordings for Hospital Patients) at Drapers' Hall at 5.00.
The Duke of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, will visit the 2nd Battalion at Bulford, Wiltshire, at 11.00; and will attend the Britain-ASEAN dinner at the Dorchester hotel at 7.45.
Prince Michael of Kent will open the Comex '87 Exhibition at Sandown Park at 10.00.
Princess Michael of Kent will attend a gala performance of *Onegin* given by the London Festival Ballet at the Theatre de Champs Elysees, Paris, as part of the twenty-fifth Paris International Festival of Dance.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr D.J.W. Cooper and Miss D.A. Rees
The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs Bryan Cooper, of Abinger Hammer, Surrey, and Deborah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs L. Paul Rees, of Highgate, London.

Mr A.D. Deacon and Miss E.H. Grasby
The engagement is announced between Ashley, elder son of Mr and Mrs A.J.R. Deacon, of Chichester, West Sussex, and Harriet, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Grasby, of Shaftesbury, Dorset.

Mr R. Hughes and Miss P.C. Saxby
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs H.J. Hughes, of West Derby, Liverpool, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.C.C. Saxby, of Fulmer, Buckinghamshire.

Mr A. McCourtie and Miss G. Pratt
The engagement is announced between Alec, son of Mr and Mrs D. McCourtie, of Reading, Berkshire, and Gillian, daughter of the Rev K.W. and Mrs Pratt, of Mevagissey, Cornwall.

Mr P.M.A. Merson and Miss K. Hildred
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs R. Merson, of Mongewell, Oxfordshire, and Kit, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.J. Hildred, of Ipsden, Oxfordshire.

Lieutenant K.S. Mitchell, RE, and Miss S.A. Hines
The engagement is announced between Keith Stewart, youngest son of Mr and Mrs C. Mitchell, of Nottingham, and Sally Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.E. Hines, of Newcastle, Staffordshire.

Mr J.M.W. Paulley and Miss S.P. Weston
The engagement is announced between Julian, younger son of Dr and Mrs John Paulley, of Stoke-by-Nayland, Suffolk, and Sara, only daughter of Mr and Mrs George Weston, of Trimpley, Worcestershire.

Dr P.W. Phillips and Miss L.C. Durrant
The engagement is announced between Peter, only son of Dr and Mrs A.W. Phillips, of Sanderstead, Surrey, and Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M.J. Durrant, of Cringleford, Norwich.

Captain A.I. Renwick and Miss S.L. Haggas
The engagement is announced between Adam Renwick, 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards, younger son of Lieutenant-Colonel I.S.G. Renwick, OBE, and Mrs Renwick, of Aldwick, West Sussex, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs F.J. Haggas, of Gayton, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

Mr C.J.L. Samuel and Miss A.O. Ingham
The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr John Samuel and the late Mrs Patricia Samuel, of Highgate, London, and Alison, elder daughter of Mr Brian Ingham, of East Bergholt, Essex, and Mrs Rosemary Ingham, of Crich, Derbyshire.

Mr N.H. Sharp and Miss V.A. Clarke
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Mr and Mrs Stephen Sharp, of Fulling Mill, Whitchurch, Hampshire, and Veryan, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Clarke, of Petresfield, Penshurst, Kent.

Mr A.D. Thorley and Miss R.K. Mackey
The engagement is announced between Andrew, only son of Mr and Mrs A.J. Thorley, of Shavington, Crewe, Cheshire, and Ruth Kathleen, only daughter of the Rev J. and Mrs Mackey, of Coppenhall, Crewe, Cheshire.

Mr A.E. Usher and Miss S.A. Rimmer
The engagement is announced between Antony, only son of Mr and Mrs T.R. Usher, of Wanborough, Wiltshire, and Sadie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs M.W. Rimmer, of Bickerstaffe, Lancashire.

Mr J.A.H. Campbell and Miss A. Fallows
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Group Captain and Mrs I.H. Campbell, of Edith Weston, Rutland, and Ann, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.R. Fallows, of Potchefstroom, South Africa.

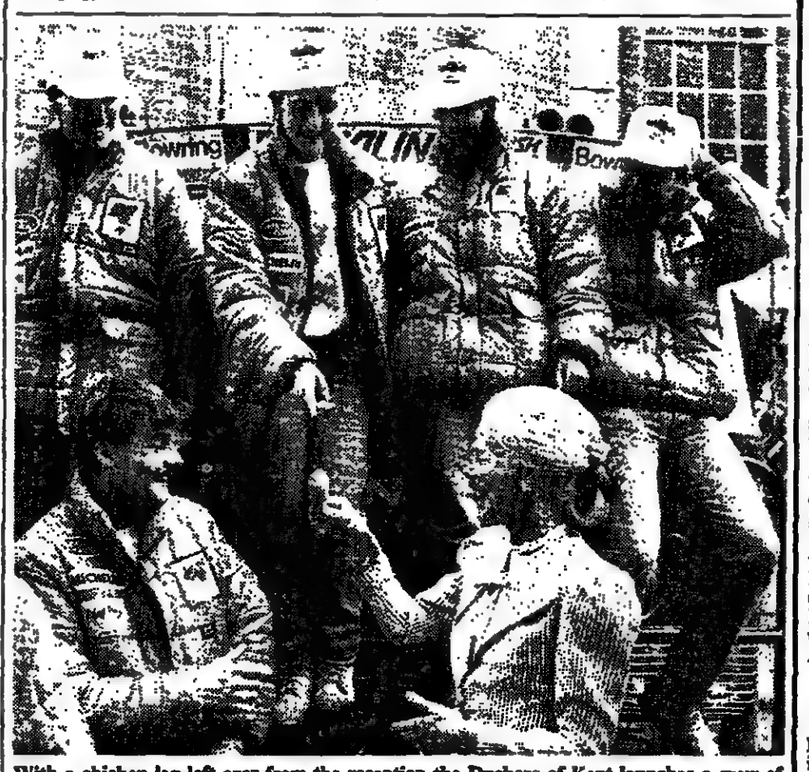
Mr R.J. Fortescue and Miss A. Devlin
The engagement is announced between Richard John, son of Mr and Mrs Tom Fortescue, of Wootton Fitzpaine, Dorset, and Amanda, daughter of Mrs Brenda Bruce, of Wallsend, Tyne and Wear.

Mr M. Hatcher and Miss C.H. Lawrence
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Hatcher, of Great Bookham, Surrey, and Clare, eldest daughter of Professor and Mrs Hugh Lawrence, of Wimbledon, SW20.

Mr T.J. Platt and Miss S.M. Ford-Robinson
The engagement is announced between Timothy James, son of Mr and Mrs B.J. Platt, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire, and Susan Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Ford-Robinson, of Bramhall, Cheshire.

Mr I.W. Reed and Miss N.S.A. Davies-Cooke
The engagement is announced between Ian William, younger son of Mr and Mrs D.C. Reed, of Banderra, Bakers Swamp, New South Wales, and Nicola Sarah Angénis, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.R. Davies-Cooke, of 25 Barkston Gardens, London, SW5.

Mr N.P. Staheyeff and Miss A.F. Stagnetto
The engagement is announced from Geneva, between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Staheyeff, of Parsonage House, Helions Bumpstead, Suffolk, and Antoinette Fiona, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Stagnetto, of Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.



With a chicken leg left over from the reception the Duchess of Kent launches a crew of volunteers on a 15,000 mile journey by converted fire engine to raise funds for the Samaritans. The journey, from Cape North in Norway to Africa's southernmost point, the Cape of Agulhas, will take three months (Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

OBITUARY

LORD COBBOLD

Governor of Bank of England in demanding times

Lord Cobbold, KG, PC, GCVO, Governor of the Bank of England from 1949 to 1961, died on November 1. He was 83.

His influence on post-war monetary policy covered a stirring period: the nationalization of the Bank; the devaluation of sterling; the reintroduction of monetary policy; the convertibility of sterling; the Bank rate tribunal, and the Radcliffe Committee.

Cobbold became Governor only a few months before the devaluation of the pound. His main task in the years which followed was to superintend the long convalescence of sterling, the gradual removal of emergency wartime restrictions on the working of the financial machine, and the rehabilitation of the City of London.

He was, perhaps, the first Governor to realise that the Bank could no longer go its own way heedless of public opinion. He was the first to appear on television, and to make regular speeches up and down the country.

But he will be best remembered for his insistence that the nationalized Bank should retain its independence, and this he did with determination and discretion.

Cameron Fromanteel Cobbold was born on September 14, 1904, and educated at Eton, and King's College, Cambridge. After a year there he decided that he would not profit much from academic life and left without a degree.

At 21 he went into the City, entering the office of a chartered accountant, and later joined the associated firm in Paris. Thus began his connection with Continental affairs that was to prove invaluable.

In 1928, he returned to London to join the Excess Insurance Company and Messrs. C. E. Heath, at Lloyd's. Heath was quick to recognise Cobbold's talents and sent him to manage the company's Italian subsidiary.

Soon after he went to Italy, an important Italian bank, in which many British banks had interests, failed. Cobbold was used to unravel the extremely intricate financial position which the failure of the Italian bank brought to light. This brought him to the notice of Montagu (later, Lord) Norman, then Governor of the Bank of England.

In 1933, he joined the Bank as "adviser" in its overseas and foreign department. His arrival coincided with the final collapse of the gold standard, and he was thus thrown into the international field at a time when the whole future of money and foreign exchanges was in the melting pot.

He struck up friendships with members of the Bank of France's staff which greatly contributed to the Tripartite Monetary Agreement of 1936, which brought together the American, British and French monetary authorities together to organize an agreed depreciation of various European currencies.

He was, from 1936 to 1939, active in preparing plans for meeting the impact of war, and led a group which worked out the procedures necessary to convert the country from a free exchange and trading nation into a totally controlled community as soon as war was declared. A new note issue was designed and printed to meet various contingencies, not least the suspected forging of British notes by Germany.

In 1938 he was elected a director of the Bank. From the outbreak of war he became the Bank's principal representaive in all the ensuing international financial problems. In the early stages Franco-British relations were all-important, and Cobbold played a leading part in negotiating the Simon-Reynaud agreement of December 1939, which was designed — abortively as it proved — to integrate the British and French economic and monetary systems.

The replacement of Chamberlain by Churchill in 1940 had a rather unfortunate result for the Bank. Churchill had a grudge against Montagu Norman for having recommended the restoration of the pre-war gold value of the pound when he was Chancellor in 1925, and their relations were not good.

As a result Cobbold's rôle became more important. He worked not only on the financial problems which would be set by occupation of enemy territories but also on the post-war economic direction of the world. One of his most important contributions was his part in planning the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Then came the Labour Government of 1945, elected on a platform which included nationalization of the Bank of England. Catto had become Governor in succession to Norman in the previous year, and Cobbold, who was now Deputy Governor, played a special rôle in negotiating the nationalization terms.

In 1949 he succeeded Catto. It was no easy inheritance. A large number of both Socialists and Tories were suspicious of the new order at the Bank of England. But Cobbold succeeded in keeping the Bank out of politics. Almost at once he was faced with a sterling crisis. Cripps and Bevin, then Foreign Secretary, were under the illusion that they could hold sterling at the rate of $4.03 to the pound with the help of further loans from the United States Government. The loans were not forthcoming, however, and the British Government had no option but to accept the advice of Bank and Treasury to devalue the pound to $2.80 and to try to persuade other sterling area countries to devalue to the same extent.

It was hoped that most European countries would also devalue against the dollar, and a mission went to Washington to ensure that the whole operation would appear as a general realignment of all currencies against the dollar. It was a success.

The Conservative victory in 1951 brought about a complete reappraisal of British monetary and economic policy. R. A. Butler, the new Chancellor of the Exchequer, set out to lead the economy back into the fields of international competition. Cobbold was actively involved in this policy.

Cobbold was reappointed Governor for a second five-year term in 1954, and in 1957 there was a disturbing episode when rumours of a leakage of prior information concerning a sharp increase in Bank Rate evoked much agitation. A judicial tribunal, however, cleared all members of the Court of any responsibility for any leakage or any complicity in taking advantage of their knowledge of the impending rise in Bank rate.

There was, however, one important consequence: thereafter the sole responsibility for changing Bank rate was transferred from the Bank to the Chancellor.

This experience, combined with a long period of pressure, convinced Cobbold that he should not seek a third term as Governor. However, the Radcliffe Committee's inquiry into the monetary system was still proceeding, and the Government did not want a change in the Governorship just then. Cobbold agreed to continue for the time being, but resigned on June 30, 1961.

Cobbold tended to organize the Bank on the "divide and rule" principle, so that it did not acquire any real corporate body of monetary policy and theory. He had a pragmatic approach to all issues.

He could be ruthless, and seemed unable and unwilling to engender an atmosphere of personal warmth, and he often failed to get the best out of his relations with his contemporaries.

He was elevated to the peerage in 1960.

Then, in 1963, he was appointed Lord Chamberlain.

He married, in 1930, Lady Hermione Bulwer-Lytton, who survives him with their daughter and two sons.

M RENÉ LÉVESQUE

M René Lévesque, who died in Montreal on November 1, at the age of 65, was Premier of Quebec from 1976 to 1985, and fought a forceful, but ultimately futile, campaign to make the province independent from Canada.

Elected on a rising tide of separatist enthusiasm, he and his Parti Québécois caused a frisson of alarm throughout Canada, and sparked off an exodus of English-speaking people from the province.

But Lévesque lived to see the aim of a separate state of Quebec wane in the concerns of the province's electorate. And when he set aside the independence issue for a second election campaign he had to endure a cabinet mutiny that split the party.

Nevertheless, his Parti Québécois government enhanced the position of French in Quebec, and on matters of constitutional reform proved a difficult partner for the English-speaking provinces.

Lévesque was born on August 24, 1922, at New Carlisle, on the remote Gaspé coast. He dropped out of Laval University law school, in Quebec, in 1943, and absconded to New York rather than be conscripted into the Canadian Army.

He enlisted with the United States Office of War Information, as he put it, "anything to get overseas, but not in His Majesty's uniform". He ended up working in London, where he took part in broadcasts directed at occupied France.

He had a highly successful career in radio and television on his return home, but decided to go into politics in 1960, and was elected as a Liberal in the Quebec election of that year. As the province's Minister of Natural Resources, he single-handedly pushed through the nationalization of Quebec's huge hydroelectric power industry.

Lévesque broke with the Liberals in 1967 over the issue of Quebec sovereignty. He had become an outspoken advocate of independence for the province, and he now formed the Parti Québécois out of two previously existing movements, both dedicated to that goal.

The PQ was soundly defeated in the 1970 and 1973 provincial elections, and Lévesque twice failed to win a seat. This brought out the pragmatist in him, and for the 1976 election he persuaded the PQ executive that the independence issue should be played down.

The party did not disavow their goal, but avoided the issue as much as possible, confining itself to a vague promise that at some point the question would be submitted to a referendum. Instead, it concentrated on economic questions and the issue of good government, on which the Liberals, with their record of scandals, were particularly vulnerable.

The tactic was overwhelmingly successful, and on November 15, 1976, the PQ won 70 out of 110 seats in the Quebec legislative assembly. Shocked Canadians awoke the next morning to the news that a party dedicated, at least in theory, to the dismemberment of their country had been elected to power in the province.

Lévesque was careful not to make any rash moves. He was aware of opinion surveys which showed that even while electing a separatist party Quebeckers were, by and large, opposed to bold action on independence. He concentrated on trying to prove that the PQ could provide good government.

The party did, however, introduce legislation to strengthen the position of French in the province and this, known as Bill 101 caused a considerable uproar because of the restrictions it placed on the teaching and use of English. Whole sections of it were eventually struck down by the courts on constitutional grounds.

Some years later the PQ government found itself in another controversy over the writing of a new, specifically Canadian, constitution to replace the old British North America Act. Lévesque took the view that it infringed Quebec's rights, but he was outmanoeuvred by Mr Pierre Trudeau, then Canadian Prime Minister, who persuaded the other nine provinces to adopt the new basic law, and so isolated Quebec.

The referendum on independence was eventually held in 1980. The notion of independence was camouflaged as "sovereignty-association", a formula concocted by Lévesque, and designed to mean sovereignty within a continuing economic union. It was rejected by a majority of three to two.

The PQ was, nevertheless, re-elected to office within less than a year. But success at the polls could not indefinitely cover up the party's internal differences. In 1984 Lévesque stated that the issue of sovereignty must not be at stake at the next election.

Party hardliners were infuriated. Delegates voted to uphold Lévesque's position, but he found himself at the head of a broken and divided party. His normally robust health began to show signs of weakening under the strain. In January, 1985, he resigned his party post and retired from politics.

Lévesque was a restless, nervy man who chain-smoked, loved poker, and stayed up until all hours of the night. He was in many ways erratic and unpredictable, but in the course of his career developed a remarkable rapport with ordinary Quebeckers, farmers, fishermen and workers, which stood him in good stead.

He married, in 1947, Louise L'Heureux. They had two sons and a daughter. The marriage was dissolved, and, in 1979, he married Corinne Côté.

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Appointments

Mr Stephen Robert Silber, QC, to be a Recorder on the South Eastern Circuit.

Dr John Howell is the new Director of the Overseas Development Institute. He succeeds Mr Tony Killick who becomes Senior Research Fellow. Mr Adrian Hewitt becomes Deputy Director.

Mr George C Boon, Senior Keeper at the National Museum of Wales, to be Curator at the museum's main building in Cathays Park, Cardiff.

Mr Roger Chick, County Emergency Planning Officer for Warwickshire, to be Civil Defence Adviser at the Home Office in succession to Mr Eric Alley who is retiring soon.

Mr Bill Francis, Chairman of the Black Country Development Corporation, is the 123rd President of the Institute of Civil Engineers. Mr Brian Redknap, City Engineer of Coventry, becomes the Chairman of the Institution's Association of Municipal Engineers.

Mr Robin Guthrie to be Chief Charity Commissioner on the retirement of Mr Denis Peach in January 1988. Mr Guthrie is at present Director of the Joseph Rowntree Memorial Trust.

Mr David Jefferson to be Chairman of The Incorporated Council of Law reporting for England and Wales. He succeeds Sir Robert Megarry.

Latest wills

Colin George Edward Blakeley, of London SW19, the actor, left estate valued at £140,435 net.

Professor Christopher Robert Cheney, of Grange Road, Cambridge, former professor medieval history at Cambridge, left estate valued at £310,151 net.

Mr Graham Edward Joynt, of Lostock, Greater Manchester, one of angling's great characters, left estate valued at £99,185 net.

Mr William Neill Malcolm, of London SW1, retired company director, left estate valued at £1,230,703 net.

Dinners

Japan Society
Sir Jeremy and Lady Morse, Mr and Mrs O. Hashiguchi, Mr H. Isomura and Professor and Mrs Yuasa Ogata were the principal guests at the annual dinner of the Japan Society held last night at Goldsmiths' Hall. The Ambassador of Japan, president, was in the chair, and Mme Yamazaki, Sir Hugh Cortazzi, chairman, and Lady Cortazzi and Sir John and Lady Pilcher were among others present.

Athenaeum
Sir John Harvey-Jones was a speaker at a dinner held at the Athenaeum yesterday. Mr Jonathan Charkham was in the chair.

Marriages

Mr M. Checkland and Mrs S. Zetter
The marriage has taken place in Horsham of Mr Michael Checkland and Mrs Sue Zetter.

Mr S.A.C. Rasch and Miss J. Stourton
The marriage took place on Saturday at Holy Trinity Church, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, of Mr Simon Rasch, son of Major Sir Richard Rasch and La Marchesa Anne Sersale, to Miss Julia Stourton, elder daughter of Major Michael and Lady Joanna Stourton. Father Thomas Middlehurst, SJ, officiated, assisted by the Rev Ben Whitworth.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Zoe Bonham, Rose Hickie, Marina and Rose Hanbury, Patrick Rose Price and Harry Milanes. Mr Simon Bonham was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Mr D.T.P. Sheppard and Miss B.L. Rymer
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 31, 1987, at All Saints Church, Driffield, East Yorkshire, between Mr David Thomas Paine Sheppard, only son of the late Mr William Sheppard and Mrs Richard Wheway, and Miss Belinda Lucy Rymer, daughter of Mr John Rymer and Mrs Margaret Rymer, of Driffield, East Yorkshire.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

The fear of The Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

Proverbs 8 : 13

BIRTHS

BAUER - On October 31st, to Sue and Wolfi, a son, Angus Peter, a brother for Georg.

BELL-SYER - On October 21st, in York, to Sally and Jonathan, a daughter, Sophie Victoria.

CORT - On October 28th, to Susanne (née Chavasse) and Russell, a daughter Georgina Frances Eleanor, a sister for Charles Anthony.

DENNING - On October 31st, in the Royal Maternity Hospital, Belfast, to Caroline (née Jarvis) and Colin, a daughter Antonia, a sister for Jeremy, Charles and Nicholas.

ELDRIDGE - On October 30th 1987, at the Portland Hospital, to Ann (née Markwick) and John, a daughter, Honor May.

FISHER - On October 30th, to Selina and Mark, a daughter, Olivia Sarah.

GILBERTSON - On October 29th, at Southmead Hospital, Bristol, to Nicola (née Lloyd-Philipps) and Edward, a daughter, Georgina.

JOHNSON - On October 29th, to Carolyn (née Glover) and Guy, a son, Henry Treherne, a brother for Helena and Charles.

MARCHANT - On October 16th, in London to Sarah (née Chadwick) and Toby, a son (Luke).

MARKWICK - See Eldridge.

SKONE JAMES - On October 27th, to Robert and Susan (née Atcheler), 2 sons, Andrew Francis and Richard Henry, brothers for Christopher.

UNWIN - On October 28th, at the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital to Cilly (née Franklin) and David, a son, Henry Peter Vivien, a brother for Alice.

WEBB-WILSON - On October 31st, to Gilly (née Murray) and Iain, a daughter, Lucy Katharine, a sister for Thomas.

MARRIAGES

BLANCHARD:TOMLIN - On September 5th 1987, in Fairfax California, Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs Paul Blanchard, to Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Norman Tomlin.

DEATHS

ARCHDALL - On October 31st, peacefully, after a short illness Colonel Mervyn Archdall C.B.E., R.M., aged 81. Beloved husband of the late Dolly, father of Penny and Mervyn and Grandpa of Claire and Roland. Funeral will be held at Saint Andrews Church, Meonstoke, at 12.00 on 6th November. Enquires to Barrells of Portsmouth Tel: 824 631.

BARLOW - On August 26th, 1987 at South Broom, Natal, South Africa. Lt. Col. FFS (Dick) Barlow D.S.O. M.V.O. Late South Wales Borderers (24th Regt.)

BIGGS - On October 31st 1987, peacefully at Ellicombe House, Higher Holton, Wincanton, Somerset, after a long illness, Peter, beloved husband of Dora, sporting artist, formerly of Quarr, Gillingham, Dorset. Requiem Mass at St. Benedicts R.C. Church, Gillingham, Dorset, on Friday November 6th at 11am, followed by interment at Tollard Royal. Flowers or donations, if desired, for the Injured Jockeys Fund may be sent to Bracher Brothers, F.D., Gillingham Dorset. Tel 0747 62494. Details of Memorial Service to be announced later.

BUCKLEY - On October 17th 1987, Ruth, aged 34 years of Beaumont Road, St. Albans, Herts formerly of Falmouth beloved wife of Peter and loving mother of Joanna, David and Stephanie, daughter to John and Mary Drinkwater of St. Mawes, Falmouth. The funeral will take place at 11.30 on Friday, November 6th at the Parish Church, St. Just-in-Roseland followed by interment. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, may be made to Christian Witness to Israel, Seventrees, 44 Lubbock Road, Chislehurst, Kent BR7 5JX or The Scanner Appeal, Princess Margaret Hospital, Swindon, Wilts.

BURTON-SYLES - On November 1st, Dick, aged 91 years, peacefully at the Old Vicarage, Moulsford. Much loved grandfather of Susie and Carol. Private cremation.

BUSHELL - On November 1st 1987, peacefully in hospital, Edyth Elizabeth, a grand old lady of 95. Beloved mother of John. Service at The Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Friday November 6th at 12noon.

CHADWICK - On October 28th 1987, in Atlanta, Georgia, George William (Bill), formerly of Sweet River, Jamaica and Daytona Beach Florida. Beloved husband of Joyce, proud father of Lavinia and Francis and devoted grandfather of Maney and Joseph. Funeral in Atlanta on Friday.

COBBOLD - On November 1st, Cameron Fromanteel, First Baron Cobbold of Knebworth, K.G., G.C.V.O. Beloved husband of Hermione and father of Susan, David and Rowland. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Knebworth Park on Saturday November 7th at noon. London Memorial Service to be held later.

DAWSON - On October 31st, in Rochester, Minnesota, as the result of a car accident, Dr Brian Dawson, F.F.A.R.C.S. Husband of Sonia and father of Caroline, Andrew and Jonathan.

DICKIE - On 24th October 1987, Hamon Massy Dickie M.B.E., aged 80 years. Cremation has taken place privately in accordance with his wishes.

DILKE - On November 2nd, after a long, sad illness, Christopher Wentworth, beloved husband and dearly loved father and grandfather. Funeral at 2.30pm on Saturday 7th November at St. Candida's, Whitchurch Canonicorum, Nr Bridport, Dorset.

DUFF - On October 31st 1987, in hospital, Margaret Macrae, beloved sister of Janet and Donald. Funeral Service on Thursday 5th November 1987, at Golders Green Crematorium, East Chapel, at 3.20 pm. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research.

ENNIS - On October 29th, suddenly after years of pain, Henry Thomas (Harry) aged 66 years. Dearly loved husband of Jennie, father of Jane, Michael, Timothy and Harriet. Funeral service at Salisbury Crematorium on Friday November 6th, at 2.15pm. Donations if desired to The Wessex Neurological Centre Trust Fund, Southampton.

EVERETT - On October 31st, Marguerite - Stephanie (Peggy), widow of Commander Michael Everett, Royal Navy.

FAIR - On October 30th, in hospital Beatrice (Beattie) Irene Madeleine Fair widow of H.L.R. Bell and of John Fair R.N. will be so sadly missed by faithful Katie, by brother Geoffrey Thomson (Edinburgh) and his family, and also by many devoted and very kind friends. Memorial service at St. John the Baptist church, Boldre on Thursday November 5th at 10.30 am to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please.

JARDINE - On November 1st, aged 93, after a hard and courageous fight against distressing disability. Jean, widow of Major General Sir Colin Jardine. Cremation for family only, at her request.

KENT - On November 1st 1987, peacefully at home in Weymouth, Massachusetts after a long illness. Gerald Archer Kent, MBE. Much loved by all his family in the U.S.A. and by his sister, Irene, 69A Kenway Rd., London SW5 ORE.

KNOX - On October 30th 1987, suddenly in London, Julian James, beloved husband of Jolyne and dearest father of Alexander and Benedict. Funeral private.

LACEY - On October 29th, suddenly, Joann aged 49, much loved wife of Ron and dear mother of Mathew and stepmother of David and Rebecca. Funeral service at St Marylebone Cemetry Chapel, East End Road, East Finchely, N2, on Friday November 6th at 12 noon. Flowers and enquiries to Kenyon's, 74 Rochester Row, SW1: 01 834 4624.

LUKE - On October 30th 1987, peacefully at home, William Edgell, beloved husband of Anne, and dear father of Anthony, Elizabeth, Jennifer and Jane. Funeral service at St. Mary's Church, Chiddingfold on Tuesday November 10th at 11 am. Flowers may be sent to J. Gorringe and Son, Funeral Directors, 55 Hare Lane, Farncombe, Godalming, Surrey. Tel. 04868 6403.

LURCOTT - On October 30th 1987, at The Mill House Nursing Home, Horstead, Norfolk, Gilbert Lurcott, in his 95th year, husband of the late May Lurcott, formerly of Ayr, Scotland and laterly of Beeston Hall, Norfolk. Funeral Service, Beeston, St Lawrence Church, Norwich, Norfolk. Wednesday 4th November at 3 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only.

McCALLUM - On October 29th, Ian of Claverton Manor, Bath.

McCUTCHEON - On October 30th, Jeremy (Skip), aged 22 years, as a result of a road accident. Loved member of the family of Tony and Margery, Penny, Philip and Daniel, Lucy, Nicholas and Tammy, Flip, Simon. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Norwich on Friday November 6th at 11.30am. In place of flowers, donations could be sent to The Royal Flying Doctors Service, c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Rd. Norwich.

MILWARD - On October 28th 1987, suddenly at home Bethia Joan (Ann). Beloved wife of Shaen and much loved mother of Ian and Helen. Service of Thanks Giving at the Parish Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Clare on Friday November 6th at 10 am, to be followed by private cremation. Flowers or donations for the Actors Benevolent Society, may be sent to H J Paintin Ltd. Funeral Directors, 60 Withersfield Road, Haverhill, Suffolk.

MUSGRAVE - On October 31st 1987, Dr John Brendan, late of Hendon, peacefully in Ireland. Deeply mourned by his wife and family.

NAPIER - On October 29th 1987, instantaneously in a motor accident Robert John, Lord Napier of Magdala, aged 83, whose love and kindness will be greatly missed by his loving wife Elizabeth and family and many friends. His energy will be a lasting inspiration to us all. Funeral at noon on Thursday November 5 at Roslin Chapel, near Edinburgh. No flowers please. Donations may be sent to The Scottish Society for Autistic Children, 12 Picardy Place, Edinburgh EH1 3JT.

NEWMAN - On All Saints Day 1st November 1987 peacefully. Mona beloved wife of the late John. Dearly loved mother of Patrick and Ilona, grandmother of Robert, James, Sophie, Geraldine and Rebecca. Funeral Service at St. James Church Sutton-upon-Hull 2pm Thursday 5th November and afterwards at the Hull Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Save the Children Fund, c/o of Mr Terry Moore, Ocean Chambers, 54 Lowgate, Hull. All enquiries to J. Parkin & Son, Eastfield House, Salthouse Road, Hull.

PAPPIN - On 31st October 1987, peacefully at The Mount, Watkin Avenue, Old Colwyn, North Wales, Edith Lillian. The beloved aunt of David. Service at Old Colwyn English Methodist Church on Thursday 5th November at 3 pm, followed by committal at Colwyn Bay Crematorium. Enquiries to T. Concher and Sons. Tel. Colwyn Bay 532206.

PARBY - On October 31st 1987, at home, 1 Magnus Street, Newark, Nottinghamshire, Florence, aged 94, widow of C.E. Parby. Funeral at Newark Parish Church on Tuesday November 3rd at 11.30am.

ROCHFORT-RAE - On October 31st, peacefully at St Theresa's Home, Iola Irene, widow of Errol Vivian and much loved mother of George. Funeral Mass at 42 Roland Gardens, London at 11 am on Wednesday 4th November, followed by interment at Epsom Cemetery. Family flowers only. Contributions, if desired, to Injured Jockey's Fund, PO Box 9 Newmarket CB8 8JG.

RUGGERI - On October 31st, Dr Ferdinand Anthony Andrew, aged 64, suddenly in Gibraltar, much loved husband, father and grandfather.

SEYMOUR MEAD - On October 31st, peacefully at Barrock Park, Cumbria, Florence (née Gaskell) aged 97 years. Widow of Arnold Seymour Mead, mother of Barbara, Jane, Margaret and the late Humphrey, grandmother and great grandmother. Service at St Cuthbert's Church, Edenhall, Penrith on Friday November 6th at 1.45pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to N.S.P.C.C., C/O Barclays Bank, Penrith.

SILVA - On October 29th 1987, Peter, beloved husband of Stephanie, dear father of Amanda, Bianca, Lucinda, Yasmin, Belinda and father-in-law of Michael, treasured grandad to Kamelia and Eleanor. Service at St. Peter's Church, Marlow, Bucks on Friday, November 6th at 11.00 am. Followed by a Buddhist Service and cremation at Amersham Crematorium at 12.00 noon. Floral tributes to Sawyer's, 32 West Street, Marlow, Bucks.

THOMPSON - On Thursday October 29th suddenly, Peggy widow of Doctor John Thompson. Memorial Service at All Saints Woodchurch on Friday November 6th at 2.00pm. Family flowers only, donations to the N.S.P.C.C., c/o Mrs R Hunter, Bucksford Lodge, Great Chart, Ashford, Kent. TN23 3BE.

TOOGOOD - On October 31st, in her 85th year, at Princess Margaret Hospital, Swindon, Muriel Frances Georgina, lately of St. Albans and Hill House, Little Somerford, near Malmesbury. Loved wife of Leonard and mother of Jim and Philip. Funeral service at Malmesbury Abbey on Friday November 6th at 11 am, followed by cremation at Swindon, and later, interment of ashes at St. Paul's Church, St. Albans. Cut flowers only please. Enquiries to H. & C. Matthews, Funeral Directors. Telephone: Malmesbury (0666) 822216.

TURVEY - On October 30th, from Leukaemia calmly faced for many years, Sheila Turvey, M.A., wife of Ralph, mother of Nick and Amanda. Funeral private.

WINKLEY - On October 29th, George William Dinsdale (Peter), beloved husband of Eunice and dear father of Stephen and Roger and loving grandfather. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Sheringham on Wednesday November 4th at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations in his memory for St Peter's Church Roof Appeal or Kelling Hospital, c/o Blyth's Funeral Services, Sheringham, Norfolk please.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

SHERWOOD - The funeral for the late Mrs Florence Sybil Sherwood will be held at Feering Church, on Friday, November 6th at 11.00am, followed by private cremation. No flowers by request, but donations to: The Essex Branch of The British Red Cross Society.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HILDYARD - Rev Christopher L.V.O., M.A., Chaplin, Westminster Hospital 1937-1968. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held on November 23rd, 1987 at 12 noon in the Chapel, Westminster Hospital. Friends wishing to attend are asked to contact Charlotta Santos, c/o Hospital Administration, Westminster Hospital by Tuesday November 10th.

NORMAN - A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Stanley Norman will be held in St. Michael's Church, Chester Square, London SW1 on Tuesday November 10th at 12noon.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

GRABHAM - In ever loving memory of Charles Grabham beloved husband of the late Agnes Grabham (late of Barracks, Cranbrook, Kent) and father of Violet, who died November 1st 1965. All my love. R.I.P.

PORTMAN - Gerald William Berkeley, Eighth Viscount, who died November 3rd 1967. Beloved and sadly missed husband of Nancy. He spared others but not himself, and was courageous to the end. His thoughts for his family were an inspiration and will be remembered.

Bridge

Kent pairs did well in the Two Stars Trophy, the main event at the English Bridge Union's annual autumn congress held at the Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne, over the weekend.

T P Goldsmith and G B Soper were the winners over former world champion Boris Schapiro and Scottish international partner Willie Coyle with another Kent pair in third place.

Two Stars: 1 T P Goldsmith, G B Soper, 606; 2 B Schapiro, W Coyle 580; 3 J R Williams, J Murrell 573.

Swiss Pairs: 1 C C Thame, M Fawcett, 145; 2 R M Chamberlain, G R Sadie, 137; 3 R Wood, G Bobby, 136.

Eastbourne Bowl: 1 D Patterson, J Sivayogan, G Tredinnick, S Tredinnick, 161; 2 D A Roth, C Leighton, M Leighton, D Sirkett, 157.

Burlington Cup: 1 C N Smith, Mrs R Bavin, M Durant, S Cearns, 161; 2 D R Bligh, B Martin, R Plaskett, J Osborne, 158; 3 Miss S Tick, P Casselle, N Graham, A Graham, 148.

Sussex Cup: 1 Mrs M Dennison, K Thornton, Miss F Brickwood, K Elstow; Equal 2nd S Syplyweak, A Gibson, K Goode, J Cooper; Equal 2nd Dr R Taylor, J Mitchell, Mrs J Law, R S Lenk.

Service Dinner

Lloyd's Volunteer Forces Fund

Mr Peter Miller, Chairman of Lloyd's and President of the Lloyd's Volunteer Forces Fund, and members of the fund attended the first mess dinner held last night at Armoury House. Mr Michael Orr was the guest speaker.

Dinner

Speaker

The Duchess of York attended a dinner given by the Speaker and Mrs Weatherill in Speaker's House last night. Among those present were:

Mr John Cope, MP, and Mrs Cope, Sir John Stradling Thomas, MP, the Earl and Countess of Stockton, Mr Richard Burton, Miss Anna Butcher, Miss Philippa Hanson, Dr Penelope Hunting, Mr Martin Nield and Mr Peter Nicoll.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Bernardino Ramazzini, pioneer of industrial medicine, Carpi, Italy, 1633; André Malraux, writer and politician, Paris, 1901.

DEATHS: Henri Matisse, Nice, 1954.

Science report

Russians plan a garden fit for a spacecraft

By Andrew Wiseman

Russian space technologists are adopting an idea for survival in space that was proposed by Konstantin Tsiolkovsky more than 50 years ago.

Tsiolkovsky, who is regarded as the father of Soviet space exploration, suggested a space garden as a useful way to maintain the oxygen supply so vital for life.

Now Soviet designers are ready to build and instal one in the bay of a spacecraft. Its plants would convert carbon dioxide exhaled by the crew into oxygen, reducing the amount transported from earth.

Past experience had shown Soviet experts that it was difficult to grow plants in conditions of weightlessness. Not only was watering a problem when there was no gravity, but the soil tended to turn into dust and the roots of plants behaved differently from on earth.

The only solution, they argued, was a rotating greenhouse in which artificial gravity would be maintained by centrifugal force.

Only in such a greenhouse, in which conditions on earth would be simulated, would plants bear fruit.

A space garden would have to be planted in a pressurized chamber, its walls lined with fertile soil and its portholes providing sufficient sunlight.

The centrifugal force inside the chamber would ensure that soil and moisture would stick to the walls.

The theory was fine, but there was a snag: although such a greenhouse could be stabilized before blast-off, its balance would be disturbed during flight as the plants grew and the garden was visited by cosmonauts.

Soviet designers realized that it would only remain balanced as long as its centre was aligned with the so-called axis of symmetry — an imaginary straight line about which its parts were symmetrically arranged.

When this balance was disturbed, the resultant centrifugal force would create vibrations, pushing the spacecraft off course. To prevent this a special device had to be invented.

Nikolay Bulychev and other senior Soviet designers have worked out that the simplest and cheapest method would be to attach two trim tanks to the chamber, arranged concentrically to its axis of symmetry. They would be partially filled with water, guaranteeing that the greenhouse remained automatically aligned throughout the flight.

The Russians are convinced that a space greenhouse is technically feasible, and could be built with currently available materials and technology. Serving as a rest room for cosmonauts, it would help to make their flights more pleasant and longer.

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1) The author states on Page 615 that Eden (by then Lord Avon) ".....had in his possession documents which, if revealed, would have done him (Nutting) great harm". Sir Anthony Nutting is satisfied beyond argument that neither his reputation nor his integrity could have been damaged in any way whatsoever by any acts of his as Minister of State for Foreign Affairs or any documents which may have been in the possession of Lord Avon or any other person.

2) The Author attributes to Eden on Page 571 the supposition that Sir Anthony Nutting resigned from the Government in October 1956 because he had "...... succombed to pressure.....". Sir Anthony Nutting's resignation at the time of the Suez Affair was not precipitated by any pressure upon him from any quarter, public or private. There was no inconsistency between his denunciations of Nasser and his subsequent resignation from Eden's Government. Sir Anthony Nutting's resignation was purely a matter of conscience and principle following his unwillingness to become a party to the proposed conspiracy between France, Israel and Britain whereby Israel was to be invited to attack Egypt to enable an Anglo-French force to intervene and occupy the Suez Canal on the pretext of protecting the Canal from damage. Any suggestion that Sir Anthony Nutting has distorted his own version of events to present the impression of consistency is entirely untrue.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 171 (2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30, Eastbourne Terrace, (Second Floor), London W2 6LF, on Tuesday 10th November 1987 at 12 o'clock midday.
P. MONJACK, FCA.
Joint Liquidator
Dated this 22nd day of October 1987

THE WEIR GROUP PLC

A Petition having been presented to the Court of Session on 21st October 1987 by THE WEIR GROUP PLC, a company incorporated under the Companies Acts, having its Registered Office at 149 Newlands Road, Cathcart, Glasgow, G44 4EX, for Confirmation of Cancellation of Share Premium Account, the Court pronounced the undernoted interlocutor on Friday 23rd October 1987.

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IN COMPULSORY LIQUIDATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr Raymond Hocking, Certified Accountant, of Messrs STOY HAYWARD, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 18 September 1987.
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THE ARTS

Morning sickness

TELEVISION

For sheer sanctimoniousness, Jean Rook's appearance on *Good Morning Britain* (TVam) took some beating. Of course we wanted the Royal couple to get back together again – let's just assume there has been a rift, shall we? But there was something very strange going on, was there not? If they divorced, who would get custody of the children? Could the monarchy survive such a trauma? (Did she actually suggest it might not? Yes, she did.) As the pigs of the press put it in the previous night's beta-plus *Spitting Image*: "Will Charles and Di make it up? Well, if they won't, we will".

Still, it was all good television – perhaps more watchable than the substantial interview later in TV-am's programme which featured surely the first publisher's editor ever to have David Frost visit her in her office to discuss the finer points of assembling a book. The fact that the book was about the Palace of Westminster was marginally less significant than the fact that the editor was the Duchess of York.

I tremble to think what the popular press will make of the revelation that she and a photographer (male) got up at 5.30am with their Instamatics to case the joint. Frostie managed to get away with just one tiny question about Di, but otherwise Fergie was in total command.

Not for the squeamish is a new series oddly called *The Courage to Fail* (BBC2) which is a history of modern surgery. The title must refer to statistics like the 70 per cent failure of brain operations before Dr Harvey Cushing came along: he reduced the percentage of deaths to 4 per cent by dint of concentrating in a single specialist area.

If you could keep your eyes on the screen while brain tumours were excised, there was a lot to learn here. The explanations of old-style operations were breathtakingly awful, and the real advances of the modern age apparently came when three problems had been conquered – blood loss, surgical infection and pain.

A very nice man from the Harvard Medical School reminisced about it all affectionately, as if people dying around you were the most natural thing in the world; which for doctors, I guess, it is.

And so it ought also to be for *Dr Who* (BBC1) but the new adventure which started yesterday, currently stuck in a 1950's holiday camp, is desperately antiseptic and cleaned-up. Sylvester McCoy is a promising doctor, but there is only one gluttonous monster so far and only Ken Dodd has been shot to smithereens, which is no less than his brief cameo appearance deserved.

William Holmes

Popular sophistication

GALLERIES

Diego Rivera/ Art History
Hayward Gallery

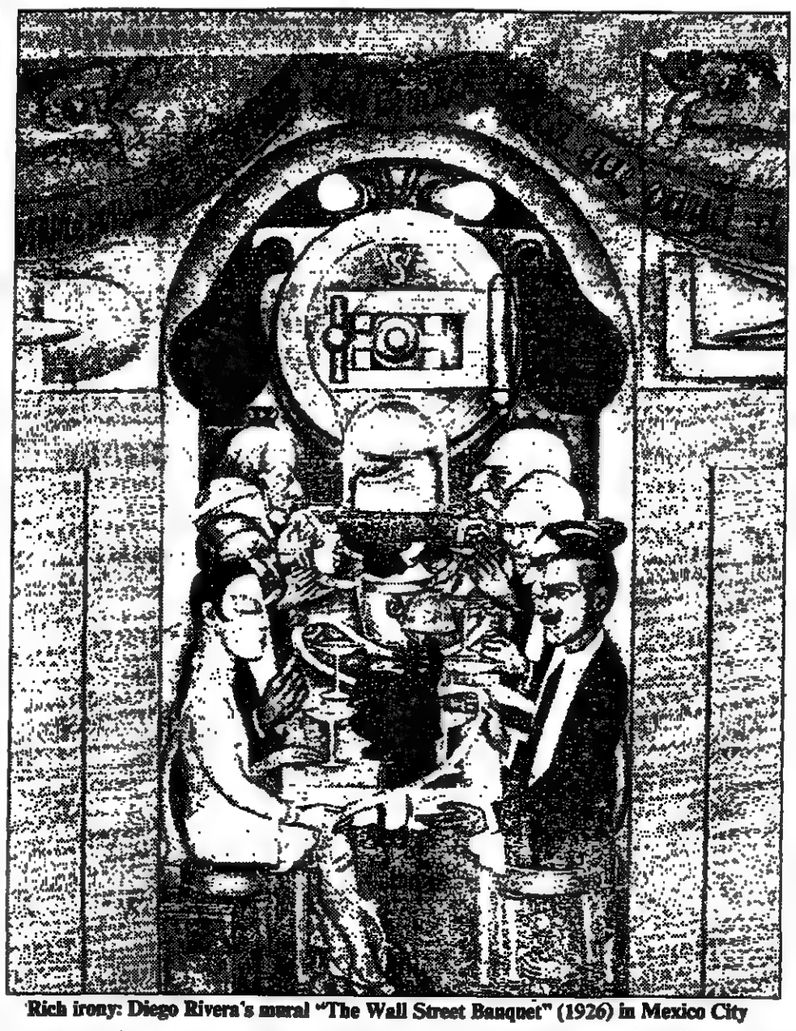
For years now we seem to have been circling round Diego Rivera. We have had exhibitions of his greatest rival/confrère among the Mexican muralists, Orozco. We have had shows devoted to the most independently artistic ladies of his life, Tina Modotti and Frida Kahlo, and of the redoubtable Marevna, who lived with him during his Paris years and bore one of his many children. We have been kept up to date with the younger Mexican muralists, such as Tamayo.

But the man himself has remained elusive until now. That may be rectified by the major show of Rivera which has been touring North America and Europe for about 18 months and has now settled at the Hayward Gallery until January 10.

Europeans tend to have problems with the Mexican muralists of the interwar years. First, in the nature of things it is difficult to get any adequate idea of them without visiting the major sites in Mexico and the United States, where their most important works are immovably fixed. The present show, like its predecessor on Orozco, does its best to fill the gap with film, audio-visual and photographic documentation, as well as sketches and studies when available. But it is not really any substitute for the genuine article on its own original scale.

And so to the second obstacle: the perennial problem of balancing the value of estimable revolutionary politics with that of the art for art's sake. But beyond, deeper and more problematic yet, is the taste barrier. Orozco above all, but also Rivera to an important degree, sacrifices almost all the traditional niceties to the end of getting over the message with maximum force to the largest possible number of people. The art is deliberately vulgar, in both senses of the term, and tends to leave one feeling very dainty and nimminy-pimminy, but resistent none the less.

Fortunately, Rivera was a much more substantial and various artist than Orozco, and a much more extensive and important part of his output was devoted to easel paintings. Also, he was a far more cosmopolitan figure, much more vividly aware of what was going on in European art. Indeed, he was not merely an observer, but a vital part of the Cubist revolution in Paris, where he lived and worked primarily between 1909 and 1921.



Rich irony: Diego Rivera's mural "The Wall Street Banquet" (1926) in Mexico City

He began his career as an agreeable if not particularly distinctive Post-Impressionist. Already by 1912 he had come to something more characteristic of his mature work in the monumental *The Old Ones*, painted in Toledo, which effortlessly gives an everyday scene strong symbolic overtones. But back in Paris he was swept away by the shapes and colours of the new "Synthetic" phase of Cubism (he never seems to have been too attracted by the dun colours of Analytical Cubism), and produced in the next four or five years some of his most lastingly memorable paintings.

But his fundamental attachment to the outside world of observed phenomena was clearly too strong to be broken altogether, and by 1918 he was reacting against Cubism in favour of a meticulous kind of realism which, in the still-lifes especially, looks today uncannily modern. He also, while still in Paris, began to hanker after the sights and subjects of home, and when he returned to Mexico in 1921 he was instantly overwhelmed by the sheer beauty and colour of "that rich and severe, wretched and exuberant land".

By 1922 he was already at work on his first major mural, and from then on he was very definitely and deliberately a Mexican artist. But nothing was really lost: even dealing in often broad and simplified terms with the political myths and realities of Mexico as he saw them, the formal lessons of his Cubist years continued to direct his hand. The murals and related works of Mexican ethnic inspiration may well be simple and direct to the point of being cartoony, but they are saved from being strident and blatant by the inescapable sophistication of his formal ways and means.

And he was always immensely prolific, with a generosity of outpouring which recalls Picasso. It is not for nothing that colour reproductions of some of his later images, like the *Flower Carrier* of 1935, became almost inescapable in American motel rooms of the Norman Bates era. They manage to combine an easy local-colour appeal with a skill in formal organization which makes them continuously satisfactory to the critical mind even as they go straight to the hearts of the masses Rivera saw as his prime audience.

Some of the later portraits and flower-infested pieces do perhaps come too near for comfort to the kitschy side of *The Three Caballeros*, but even here the intensity of vision gives them a slightly surreal atmosphere that still commands serious attention.

An extraordinary-looking, rather ugly man, obviously of intense personal magnetism, Rivera is a natural star personality in the many documents of his life and political background we see here and saw in the Kahlo/Modotti show at the Whitechapel. But somehow the work always finally remains more interesting than the personality which so palpably shaped it: Rivera is, much more unmistakably than Orozco, a major artist still in need of a major revaluation on this side of the Atlantic.

The vogue in the Swinging Sixties for covering any available urban wall-surface with ad-hoc murals brought in a new wave of influence and appreciation. And it has been unavoidable to wonder, faced with the recent productions of the young Glasgow painters, how much they could and did know about Rivera's more directly political art.

In the Art History show which accompanies Rivera at the Hayward one of this group, Ken Currie, is featured, having just completed a project fit for Rivera himself, the mural in the dome of the Glasgow People's Palace.

Among the other artists who have been commissioned for the occasion to mirror recent history in their art are Peter de Francia, whose devotion to the public subject and whose kinship to the Mexican muralists is well known. And though one would not instantly suspect a close relationship between them and R.B.Kitaj, he certainly has a similar interest in using popular iconography to achieve a broad-based appeal.

Also present are Terry Setch, Michael Sandle and Helen Chadwick, who have all in their very diverse ways reflected contemporary issues in their art. The idea of the show is certainly intriguing, indicating that if Rivera these days comes most obviously within the realm of art history, that does not mean that his soul does not go marching on.

John Russell Taylor

A pure delight

CONCERTS

London New Music
Purcell Room

This was a slightly austere evening, centred on the pure white music of Cage's Zen-Satie period and including four variously enigmatic new pieces offered with minimally informative programme notes. One feels somewhat bleached.

The Cage pieces comprised his total output for violin and piano: the charming little Nocturne of 1947 and the Six Melodies, written three years later, very much in the motionless style of the String Quartet. Though the effect is always utterly simple, both works are the devil to play since in their cool perfection they show up any speck of hesitation or error, any effort to phrase or interpret. Both Ann Hooley and Michael Blake did well to draw so little attention to themselves, though they could have sounded more united in the Six Melodies.

Otherwise the programme was clarinettish. There was a short, bald opener from Christopher Fox, *Heliotrope 7*, in which clarinet duets kept breaking off for resonances from a bowed vibraphone.

More conventional in scoring and manner, Anthony Marks's *Aporia-Sonata* for clarinet and piano was a likeably odd, controlled and convincing piece kicking off references in various directions: to English long-lined ruminative lyricism, to the clear, fractured sonorities of Messiaen and late Britten, to jazz. Ian Stuart and Mr Blake gave a lively performance.

The other two pieces, both adding a piano trio to the Fox ensemble, were Matteo Fargion's *Amnesia*, remembering scraps in the style of Stravinsky from around 1920, and Gerald Barry's "_____", as empty as its title but very beautiful and done with great wit. Somebody should rescue the Barry opera that the ICA regrettably had to abandon.

Paul Griffiths

Chilingirian Quartet
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Composing a string quintet these days is to put one's self in the shadow of some of the great masterworks of the chamber repertory, but Stephen Dodgson has created his own patch of light with a rewarding new contribution to the form. His String Quintet was given and sounded like a very accomplished premiere performance in their South Bank series by the Chilingirian Quartet, with Stephen Isserlis as second cello.

That extra player has usually been a means either to contrast of timbre or richness of texture. Mr Dodgson has elements of both, but with a further aspect of contrasts in register, with the viola sometimes being *agent provocateur* to high and low in turn. It is a work of some substance, three movements with a duration of nearly 40 minutes, and with resourceful use of lyrically expressive tonal material.

Both the first two movements owe something to the Slavonic *dumka* form of alternating fast and slow tempi to work out the basic melodic ideas that run throughout, and the finale is a series of variations on a brightly chiming theme, with a sudden break to a slow reflective passage at the centre. Without tempting new explorations the work is the product of a thoughtful musician who seeks to give players a challenge and listeners a pleasure and succeeds in both.

It shared a programme with Haydn's E-flat Quartet known as "The Joke", the humour of its persistent false endings suitably relished, and with Schubert's C-major Quintet. Here the performance communicated an eloquent commitment and understanding, with vivid clarity of inner parts in the balance of texture, not least in the passionate F-minor section of the slow movement and the almost prayer-like dark introspection of the third movement trio.

Noel Goodwin

LONDON DEBUT

Smiljka Isakovic, from Belgrade, specialises in Spanish harpsichord music and her Wigmore recital, was a short, carefully balanced programme of Scarlatti and Soler. She plays, as she dresses with both panache and elegance. Her fingerwork is nimble and brilliant, her use of rubato a form of elasticity which creates maximum tension and vitality. She presented a recently discovered Fandango by Scarlatti – a tour de force of even, ringing semiquavers and strung chords – and matched it, at the end of the evening, with one by Soler, Scarlatti's pupil. In this composer she found a bewilderment of energetic trills, artful and imaginative changes of registration and, in his Toccata Fantasia, a sense of dramatic timing always within its idiomatic frame.

Hedwig Swimberghe, the Flemish clarinettist, planned a Purcell Room recital of either courage, audacity or folly. A programme of Gade, Brahms, Hindemith, Semler-Collery and Swimberghe himself seemed calculated to drive away all but his friends; and it was perhaps the half-empty auditorium which dampened his spirits. This was trim, conscientious playing, fluent in the Schumannesque passage-work of Gade, nimble in Hindemith's labyrinths of part-writing. What was lacking was any sense of daring. Too often, opening notes fail to compel attention, or the phrasing of a Brahms Andante became an earnest note-by-note matter rather than a singing arc of sound. It could well be that Mr Swimberghe, who is a member of the Belgian Woodwind Quartet, needs the stimulus of chamber-music making to awaken his own best playing.

Hilary Finch

LL goes OTT

ROCK

LL Cool J
Hammersmith Odeon

With two million-selling albums to his credit already, L.L. Cool J's current pre-eminence in the self-aggrandizing rap roustabout stakes is not in doubt, but he weighed in at well under par on his first London show of the current tour.

The sound and the pacing were poor, but worse was the sheer punishing overkill of his approach, which kept an audience of willing yo-boys (and a few girls) pinned helplessly against the ropes from start to finish.

With the striking arrogance of a young Mohammed Ali (who, come to think of it, was probably the prototype rapper with his rhythmic "Float like a butterfly/Sting like a bee" poetic homilies) the tall, muscular teenager from Queens, New York, wandered the stage in his red work-out suit and safari-style Kangol cap, toting enough gold round his neck to constitute a significant hedge against any further slide in the exchange rate of the dollar.

Against a cacophony of noise, generated from the twin decks of the DJ Cut Creator, he parcelled up the verses of "My Radio", "Get Down" and "Kanday" in a production line continuum, while the lights strafed the hall with all the welcome subtlety of a flak bombardment during the Blitz. When it all paused for the unique rap ballad, "I Need Love", which was accompanied by a frenzied mime sequence on a couch, the mood of punch-drunk indifference in the stalls was palpable.

Much better by far was the languid delivery and calm authority of the support act Eric B. and Rakim, whose "Paid In Full" single has just barged into the UK Top 30, and the genuinely intimidating presence of the openers, Public Enemy, whose submachine gun props and unpleasant posturing rendered a chilling approximation of the rap/rock group as a paramilitary vigilante organization.

David Sinclair

Before *perestroika*: Boris Godunov (Robert Lloyd) interrogates Shuisky (Antonio Bevacqua)

A Tsar for all seasons

OPERA

Boris Godunov
Teatro Comunale, Florence

Robert Lloyd has made his belated Florence debut in the title role of *Boris Godunov*, and earned an ovation that by frosty Florentine standards was positively thunderous. And rightly so – Lloyd's demented Tsar has now matured into a interpretation of great power and individuality. His naturally warm timbre and noble delivery establish him from the start as an unusually sympathetic protagonist, which serves to heighten the personal tragedy of an essentially good man destroyed by one mistake.

The range of emotions that Lloyd encompasses in the course of the role is immense, but no less remarkable is the expressive fine-tuning that enables him to find the precise tinge for every phrase. In Boris's central monologue for example, Lloyd combines great tenderness for his daughter with a sense of passionate concern for her happiness. Nothing could be further removed from the generalised emoting that often passes for operatic acting.

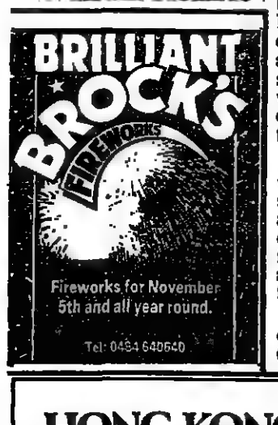
Another superbly-judged performance came from Stafford Dean, in richly resonant voice, whose sinister Rangoni was a model of understated nuance. Grigory was ardently sung in clear, ringing tones by Walter Donati, whose tenor has more than a glint of real steel in it. And Lucia Valentini Terrani's forceful, occasionally strident singing was utterly appropriate for the upwardly mobile Marina Mnishek. There was a lively Varlaam from the veteran Dimiter Petkov, and an extremely veteran Hostess from the ever-lively Fedora Barbieri.

After some initial uncertainties Myung-Whun Chung conducted a taut, clear-textured performance that revealed much of the beauty and the brutality of Mussorgsky's orchestration, although his tendency to briskness robbed certain passages of their peculiar haunting quality – Pimen seemed to write pretty quickly for an old man, and some of Boris's doom-laden lines should have been given more weight.

Like the principals, the chorus sang in surtitled Russian; unlike the principals, however, they sounded as if they were singing in Italian, which is a fairly major flaw in a portrayal of the Russian people. The opening scene was marred by ragged ensemble, but they all got together for a spirited Revolt at the end.

Unfortunately the peformance as a whole amounted to less than the sum of its parts, and the blame must be placed squarely on the shoulders of the director/designer Piero Faggioni. As director, he relied on crude physical conflict that pushed the action over the top instead of forward, thus irretrievably breaking the momentum of a scene: Boris half-throttled Shuisky on the floor by way of threatening him, and Marina kicked the Pretender playfully in the ribs as he knelt imploringly before her. As designer, Faggioni placed every scene in a forest clearing – *exeunt* boyars from the Kremlin Council Chamber, through the trees! Perhaps this was symbolism.

Nigel Jamieson



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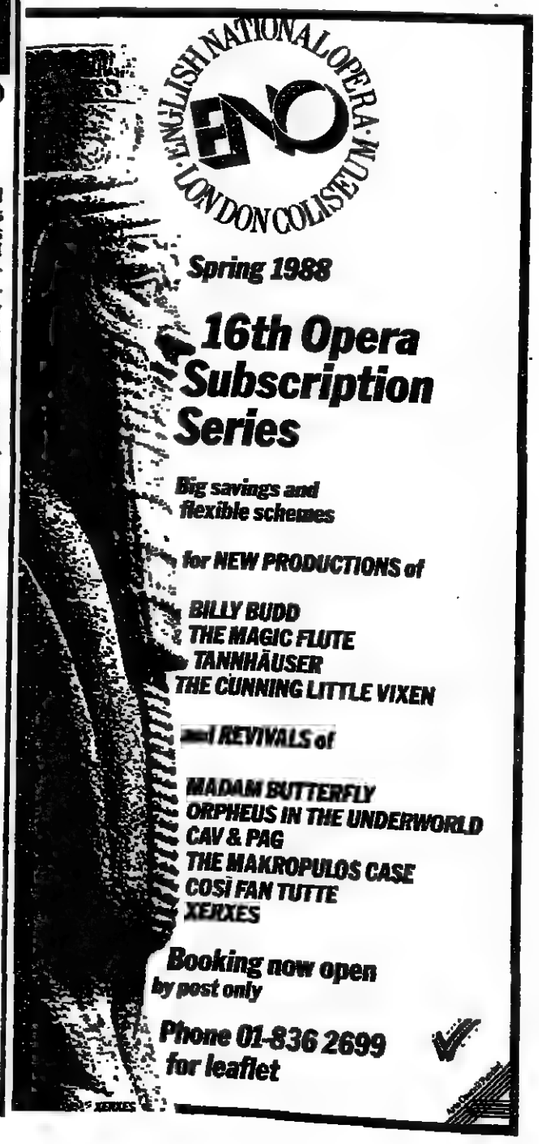

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PLASTICS

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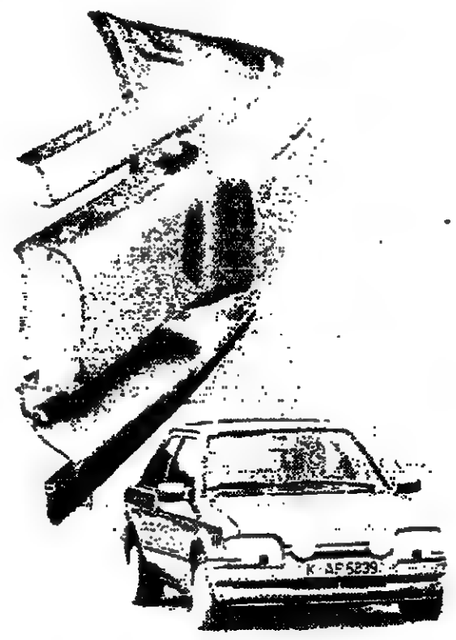
A SPECIAL REPORT

By Michael Hatfield

The material that touches all our lives

Plastics are used widely in aircraft and Ford now uses semi-rigid polyurethane car bumpers



Few industries have experienced such a change in activities in the last decade as those in plastics. Demand is dictating supply and has brought big advances in chemical technology and molecular manipulation.

It is a highly competitive world, especially as the Middle East oil-producing states are now developing their own plastics industry with easier and cheaper access to oil feedstocks with which to produce some of the general plastics products.

Europe and the United States have had to gear their capacity to a more sophisticated market.

Extraordinary developments are taking place in packaging, building materials, automotive products — the thought of a plastic petrol tank seems almost a contradiction in terms, but it exists — and latterly there has been the challenging market of information technology.

These dynamic changes have led to a worldwide plastics industry worth nearly £140 billion and growing at 4 per cent a year.

Jobs for 200,000

In Europe, the industry is producing 25 to 30 million tonnes of high-grade materials valued at about £30 billion and providing employment for about 200,000 people.

In the UK, production has gone up steadily from 1.7 million tonnes in 1982 to about 2 million tonnes today, with consumption soaring from 2 million to 2.7 million tonnes.

While Britain may be a net importer of both plastics materials and machinery, the industry redresses the trade balance by exports of semi-finished and finished products, often as indirect exports.

It is hard to imagine a modern world without plastics. Manfred Roh, a former president of the Association of Plastics Manufacturers in Europe, says: "Without plastics, the western world would not have experienced its new industrial age.

"Computers, telephones, radio, television, electrical networks, cars, household appliances, food conservation and many other facilities considered daily goods could not have been realized with traditional materials only."

Despite the growth, not everything is rosy for the industry. European governments and the EEC have all expressed concern about plastics development, primarily on environmental grounds.

Ministerial directives prohibiting the use of plastic shopping bags have been issued in Italy and Sicily. PVC, in particular, is increasingly viewed with suspicion.

Denmark is contemplating banning its use and Sweden wants to impose tougher specifications on plasticized PVC (cling film).

Though there is a real problem about the disposal of discarded plastic products, those in the industry like Mr Roh argue that the wrong approach is being made.

He says: "It is simply that the increasing use of plastics raises deep questions communities would prefer to avoid, and, rather than investing in modern efficient incineration, for example, which would eliminate toxic fumes from materials, it is thought easier to ban plastics."

Who would pay for better incineration techniques is, of course, a question germane to the argument. But those who

Easier to ban them

call for restrictions of plastics uses, in the view of the industry, consider only the disposal of plastics.

They do not, it is argued, take proper account of the overall benefits of plastics which accrue from effective production of raw materials, from rational and energy-saving fabrication and use of plastic articles, and from energy recuperation on disposal.

Mr Roh says: "Plastics are as much a part of our lives as the air we breathe. Their contribution to automobile fuel reduction in Germany alone removes 80 billion cubic metres of toxic fumes from the atmosphere each year. Every day, worldwide, they save millions of trees from being cut down and conserve millions of tons of scarce fossil fuels.

"More than a million people are alive today thanks to plastic arteries implanted in their bodies. Deserts are becoming green as a result of irrigation and conservation projects based on plastics."

But while the arguments continue, in Europe there is a strategy among manufacturers in the development of plastics.

Patrick Robinson, director of the Interplas '87 exhibition, says: "Overall we can see clearly a shift to high-specification products in the plastics industry, to serve high-specification applications in the user industries. This trend, in fact, helps the European industry to absorb growing imports, both of plastics materials and products, while continuing to produce for itself."

It has generated greater confidence in an industry which has learned the hard way to have a more competitive edge. Research and development as a percentage of sales is rising again in the billion-dollar multinational chemical companies.

Now theory is almost a reality

What are described as "highly intelligent" plastics, such as liquid crystal polymers, hold the promise of delivering physical and mechanical properties which were once only theoretical possibilities.

Already available are the conductive plastics (a great breakthrough which could reap the benefits of the information technology explosion and the world of microchips), special alloys and statistical-process control.

In other words, the industry is growing dynamically, with ever-increasing emphasis on advanced technology and processing techniques. The result is an expanding range of high-specification, end-user applications: aerospace, automotive, electronics, packaging and across the entire area of engineering.

The application of advanced plastic materials and processing technology within the electronics field is increasingly represented across a wide selection of sophisticated consumer and electonics products shows the increasing application of advanced plastic materials and processing technology in electronics. George Sommers, editor of the authoritative *Plastics and Rubber Weekly*, says: "Development is moving at a dynamic rate. It is now more than just speculation, for instance, when apredicting that by the end of the century all major communications could be channelled through a single glass-fibre cable." Estimates indicate that the automotive industry worldwide accounts for more than 14 per cent of plastics output in terms of materials and processing technology. The average weight of plastics within today's average vehicle is almost 50 kilograms.

George Sommers: "Development is moving at a dynamic rate. It is now more than speculation"

In Europe, manufacturers are putting about 100 kg of plastics into every motor car, which means, with about 11 million cars being manufactured annually, that current models will use more than a million tonnes of high performance engineering plastics.

In the US, a prototype car has been produced which is totally built from plastics, but costs are still prohibitive.

The Austin Rover Group, in conjunction with ICI, has been experimenting for some time in using plastics for damage-prone exterior bodywork.

Though results have been satisfactory, Austin are insisting that such parts should conform in paintability to requirements of the assembly line and must also achieve at least 15 per cent weight saving against steel without any cost increase in the final component.

In terms of growth, technological development and market penetration, plastics packaging over the last decade has achieved remarkable successes. The packaging industry now represents the leading single market sector for plastics materials and process technology, accounting for some 30 per cent of all output a year. And the increasing application of high-specification plastics materials and process technology within the expanding aerospace industry has led directly to a far wider usage. The Nasa space programme is an obvious example, but advanced composite materials, as another instance, have reduced manufacturing costs on many of the complex sections of the new EH101 helicopter being built jointly by Westland Helicopters and Agusta, Milan.

Composite plastics are saving weight on cockpit, tailplane and fin, cowlings, radome fairings, and in particular they are used in the advanced aerofoil sections of the main and tail rotors. Despite the ever-increasing sophistication of end products, another factor is growing in importance: the cost of maintenance. It is not only the car manufacturer, or those involved in the aerospace industry, who are looking increasingly to components which will not require replacement. In construction, the most conservative of all industries, the demand for low maintenance is a familiar cry.

It shows itself in the fast growth for unplasticated PVC window frames, where the UK market is now second only to West Germany and growing at above 10 per cent a year.

Fire retardancy is another key area, and the Interplas '87 exhibition is a world shop window on the latest developments. It is an area which covers not only buildings, cars and aerospace, but also information technology, and the applications that could be used in the computer, electronics and business equipment sector.

What could be the biggest trend in Europe, and meets some of the objections of the environmentalists, is the question of re-use and recycling of materials. One has only to consider the 100 kg which go into every car to imagine the scale of waste once a car is consigned to the scrapyard.

Both the industry and governments are becoming increasingly aware that discarding a valuable material after one use is a terrible waste of resource which is derived from oil, a fossil resource.

That is why recycling technology, based on a first use (such as packaging, or automotive products) followed by weight, in building products, for example, is now being seriously considered by plastics manufacturers in Europe.

Interplas 87 opens today at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham. Open daily: 9.30-6pm. Closes November 7.

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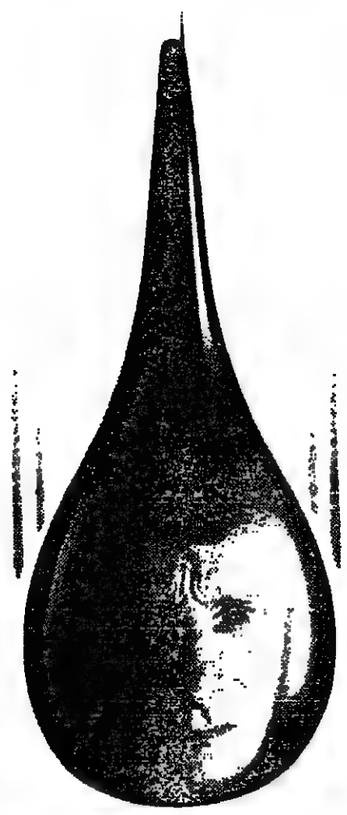

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A new revolution in packaging

One of the great industrial success stories in the past decade has been the use of plastics for packaging. Enormous developments have taken place, to the extent it accounts for 35 to 40 per cent of all plastics consumption in Europe.

A major growth sector, it is particularly evident in the United Kingdom market, with sophisticated plastics being used for the packaging of a growing range of consumer durables, from beer crates to bottles, from plates to paint cans.

The packaging sector, in fact, has been revolutionized. Paper wrappers have been replaced by plastic film, shopping bags are, with few exceptions, made from plastic, glass bottles are more and more being supplanted by plastic materials, vending cups, once made from waxed paper, are now made from thermoformed plastic sheet.

The list seems endless. Containers and dustbins which were once made from galvanized iron are now injection- moulded or rotationally-moulded from plastics; disposable cups for hot liquids are made from expanded polystyrene; sacks, once manufactured from woven jute, are now made from plastic film or woven plastics fibres.

The development of plastics has brought about specialized packaging applications, particularly for foodstuffs. Laminated and coated films have been developed, which give controlled permeability to air and moisture and therefore enabling the pack to "breathe.".

Coextruded laminates are being used for blow-moulded containers. And with the advent of the micro-wave oven there has been the introduction of the packaging of ready-to-serve meals in plastic trays.

British production of all types of plastics for packaging is now running in the region of one million tonnes. The value of the market at manufacturers' sales level is estimated at more than £1 billion.

It has been brought about by the advances in multi-layer technology, allowing high-tech, blow-moulded plastics to be used in the traditional packaging markets such as glass and tinplate. Whisky in polyester bottles would have sounded like a heresy not many years ago, but now more than 100 spirit brands have followed the lead set by McKinlay's in a development pioneered by ICI and United Closures and Plastics.

The success story within a success story is PET — Polyester Terephthalate, a highly advanced plastic which has caught, if not yet captured, the soft drinks market. Virtually unknown in the packaging industry before 1980, sales of pet containers had soared to 700 million units a year by 1985 and were in the region of 900 million last year.

Pet bottles today account for more than 35 per cent of the large carbonated soft drinks market and about 11 per cent of the take-home beer market, now estimated at about 850 million litres.

The growth of the use of Pet has not only penetrated the carbonated soft drink market, with its consequent effect upon the use of glass, but also significantly expanded the market because of its convenient usability, and new areas of development are emerging all the time.

Soft drinks add sparkle to Polyester Terephthalate, the new pet on the market

While the principal suppliers of the Pet raw material have been ICI and Hoescht, Eastman in the United States are moving into the market and are building a plant in the North- East of England.

Marketing managers and retailers are attracted by Pet because they have been able to sell twice the volume of drink with little increase in sales space.

And another asset is that the plastics processes bring to packaging the ability to create distinctive shapes. The horizons and opportunities of designers have been widened by the scope with which these materials offer over traditional materials, where differentiation relied on the designer's skill to create the impression and communicate the product through graphics alone.

The demand for custom-moulded containers has never been clearer than in the oil and agrochemical markets, where originally the plastic bottle was synonymous with a cheaper commodity.

But then there was, to quote Iain Mackay, sales and marketing manager of BlowMocan, "a leap frog effect and the middle range was left out". He says: "We started custom manufacturing plastic containers for the high-performance oils, the design of which is a clear reflection of the standard of the product."

An example is Duckhams containers, now being used as a marketing tool. It is generally recognized that many major oil companies are moving into plastics and several are carrying out extensive market research.

Similarly, chemical companies such as ICI and Shell have switched from tinplate to plastic containers for several of their products. There is the development of the dual compartmented pack, not to say the three pack, in the agrochemical market. Not only are such packs convenient to the customer but also for the manufacturer, who can sell both or all three ingredients in just one package.

One of several options available to manufacturers of solvents is the fluorinated container. Fluorination coats the inner surface of the container with a fluorine barrier. One company, Air Products, holds the patent for inline fluorinating and is the only company in the United Kingdom offering this process out of a total of about 400 blow moulders.

It is Air Products, which only started in the industrial solvent market three years ago, which has had a major success in the fluorinated petrol tank market and established licensing agreements with Kautex-Werke for Volvo and Elbatainer for Audi VW.

EUROPEAN DRINKS MARKET, 1985-1995

	1985	%	1995	%	% change
Cans	11,431	11	17,090	12	+4.0
Cartons	19,499	18	29,757	21	+4.5
Glass	76,891	58	69,451	49	-1.0
Plastics	10,271	12.5	24,520	17.5	+8.0
Bag-in-box	169	0.5	772	0.5	+16.0
Totals	118,261	100.0	141,620	100.0	+1.75

Aids to better medicine

The use of plastics for medical purposes has been one of the greatest advances in health care this century. While the applications could hardly be described as high in tonnage terms, the use of plastic devices account for hundreds of millions of pounds.

After 25 years use in medical disposables such as forceps and scalpels, devices like dispensers and lenses, and replacements which can range from limbs and joints to heart valves and artificial veins, polymers are nearing a breakthrough success as replacements for many more body organs.

Newer plastic resins, particularly polycarbonates, are becoming available which meet physico-chemical blood compatability and cytoxicity tests. Polyurethanes and polyester in dilation catheters, polymer hydrogels for the gradual release of drugs and such composites as synthetic wound dressings, are but some of the other developments under research.

Insertion trace into the body

Medical grades of PVC and polystyrene are the plastics most commonly used in medical devices. High- volume markets for polystyrene include Petri dishes, pipettes, test tubes and other containers requiring high standards of optical clarity.

PVC is used for surgical tubing of all forms, and recent advances include developments of flexible PVC catheters and tubing, to be traced after insertion into the body.

Among the applications for potential growth are polyurethanes for catheters and dilation products and medical grade polyethylene for use in surgical implants for hip and knee replacement joints.

Other high-tech plastics are being used which can be moulded into complex shapes and therefore can play an important part in supportive appliances used in the treatment of orthopaedic and disabling conditions. Among the applications are splint supports, medical shoe insoles, spinal jackets and wheelchair sets.

The market is opening up for polyesters and polycarbonates because the increased use of gamma radiation in the sterilization of a large number of medical products is tending to restrict the use of plastics which degrade or discolour on exposure to radiation.

In the development of materials, from sutures to artificial hearts, one of the key factors is biocompatability. In other words, if the body tissues won't accept an "alien presence" they will simply reject it.

That is why biopolymers, plastics made by bacterial action on glucose, have such enormous potential. While research started some 60 years ago, it was only in the late 1950s, with the development of polyhydroxybutyrate (PHB) that commercial application became possible.

It was this, together with advances in polymer synthesis, that has made biopolymers available for such products as sutures and swabs, wound dressings, bone fracture plates and pins.

And it is their inherent biodegradability which makes them attractive for disposables, such as hygiene products, nappies and various types of packaging, as well as slow- release drug capsules.

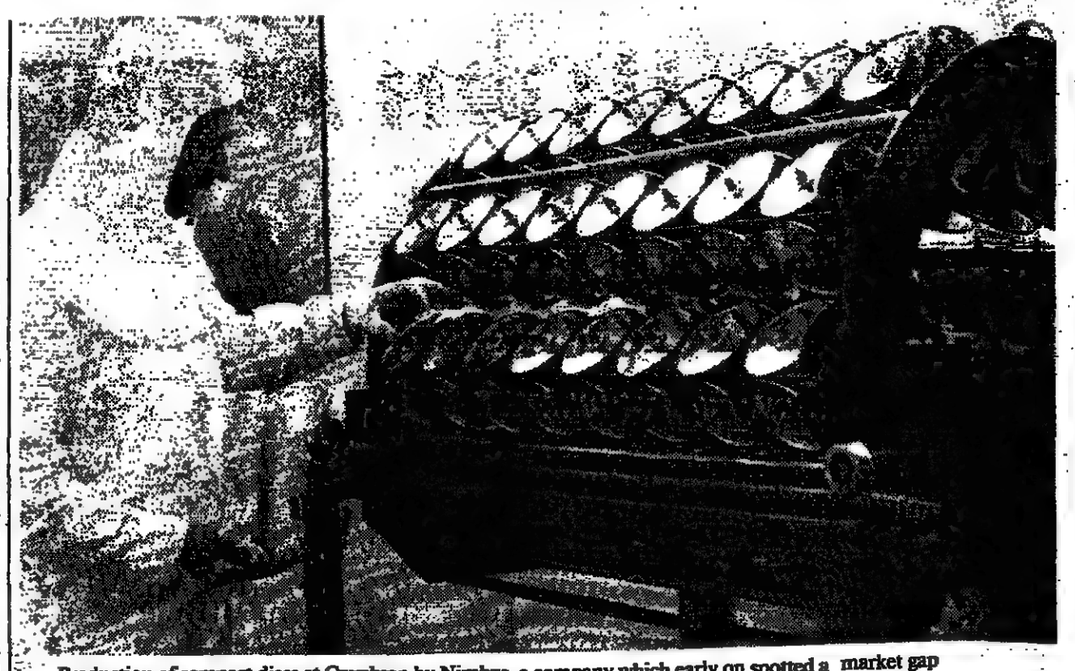
Scoring over biopolymers

ICI, through its research, is the world leader in biopolymer development. Early studies on the biocompatability of Biopol (the trade name) have established it to be as good as inert metals such as platinum.

It means that in applications such as ligature clips and staples biopolymers will score over metal parts because there is no need for secondary surgery. While metal clips have to be removed, biopolymer clips will eventually be absorbed through hydrolosis.

In Germany Hoescht has patented the use of PHB as a matrix for a peptide junior growth hormone, the sort of application that can be applied to many other drugs. The drug is incorporated into a PHB pill which is planted just under the skin. Hydrolytic action causes the drug to release slowly over a long period.

Such implantations in humans have yet to be given approval — something which may take years — but its application in animals is now far advanced and it is felt that such a device would be particularly useful for treating cattle and sheep against worms.



Production of compact discs at Cwmbran by Nimbus, a company which early on spotted a market gap

CD changes the outlook

The development of the compact disc is a 1980s phenomenon. Not only has it revolutionized the music recording industry, it has led to great advances in plastics technology. The compact disc — more correctly the optical storage disc — has applications beyond the recording industry. Outside the consumer electronics field there are ROM (read only memory) discs for the computer industry and DRAW (direct read after write) discs, which enable the user himself to record the signal.

But it is the polycarbonate compact disc which has caught the imagination as it has inched its way to capture a large slice of the PVC long-playing record market. Not that there will be a complete takeover. Within the plastic industry there is a general recognition that the day of the familiar and trusty LP is not completely over, although its dominance in the world of recorded music will be overtaken in the next two or three years.

The estimates are that CDs will eventually settle down to 45 per cent of the total units in the LP market, which includes cassettes as well as records, and that there will always be a continuing demand for record singles, which will hold about 35 per cent of the music market.

Even CDs will have to look over their shoulder with the recent introduction of the Japanese sound recording medium, DAT (digital audio technology), a development that caused a flurry of excitement and speculation and led to manufacturers to rush to defend the long-term viability of the compact disc.

Compact producers, such as Britain's privately owned Nimbus, are convinced that DAT will make only a minor impression on the market and that CD is unassailable. Nimbus is the largest CD producer in the UK, with a capacity of 25 million units and second only to Polygram in Europe. Originally just a Birmingham-based recording outfit, it began making LPs in 1977 and set up its first CD facility in 1984 at its new Monmouth base.

The company approached the new technology with all the confidence of a company that can tell a great market opportunity when it sees it, and by 1986 was pressing its last LP. At about the same time, it was opening a second CD plant at Cwmbran a few miles from the first, designed to more than double its original capacity.

It has built up its reputation through its own expertise. It eventually won a Queen's Award for its laser mastering system developed by Dr Jonathan Halliday, the technique by which sound is converted into "pits" on the CD. All discs produced at its plant start life with this system, although many other companies use systems developed by Philips and Sony.

Though there have been recent reports that CDs are suffering a sales downturn, this is being treated as a sign that supply is at last equal to demand and not indicative of chronic over-capacity.

The record industry has always had a seasonal variation, with maximum demand between September and December and February and May.

Gerald Reynolds, technical director of Nimbus, has been quoted as saying: "The CD industry is now assuming the normal seasonal pattern. Last year it was insulated from this trend because there was such as shortage of supply."

Mr Reynolds suggests that recent predictions have over-stated worldwide capacity. He estimates this to be fewer than 400 million discs this year, while sales are expected to be well over 300 million.

The disparity between the two figures is explained by factors such as stock-broking and very high reject rates involved in manufacture.

That there is buoyancy in the market is best suggested by the fact that Nimbus has invested £15 million in CD production over its three years of involvement in the process and plans to invest another £12 million over the next two years.

When the company started CD production in 1983 it had a turnover of £0.6 million, by last year it had reached £10 million and this year it is expected to be £23 million.

Another indication of confidence is that Britain shipped more than eight million blank polycarbonate discs last year and the forecast for European consumption of CD polycarbonate is expected to rise from 4,000 to 8,000 tonnes.

How high is high-tec?

The plastic industry's future is geared to the development of high-tech — but how "high"? It is one of those imponderables for which an answer can never be given because technology has its own impetus and industry its own imperatives to keep pace with progress.

But already the industry is living in a world of databases, robotics, advanced computerized technology, with computer-aided design, computer-aided engineering, to name two systems, providing new learning curves, not to say new language barriers, for plastic processors and mouldmakers.

Some of the latest technology, involving sophisticated systems of computerized information and control linked to advanced moulding equipment are among the displays at Interplas '87, in a unique exhibition — the High-Tech Learning Centre.

Low noise and clinically clean

Some 55 companies will be offering visitors the opportunity to experience the very latest developments in computer-aided design and manufacturing, materials selection, quality control and testing.

Housing 25 working examples of the latest equipment — much on show for the first time — the centre points some way into the future in the development of the plastic industry.

There will be the latest in plastics technologies, such as visual display unit simulation, computer-based selection of materials and the production of prototype mouldings without a single drawing.

An injection moulding machine, powered completely by electricity, will demonstrate its potential for high, precision, low noise and clinically clean operation. There will be the latest CD machine with automatic robotics and automatic sizing.

Other areas of advanced technology covered include on- line quality control, film thickness measurement, radiation systems, mould design systems, tensile testing, machine and computer control. There is one exhibit which will demonstrate that hot foiled holograms are the natural bedfellows of plastics moulding.

The centre itself is built from high performance engineering materials developed specifically to meet the future needs of the construction industry.

Industrial Fairs, the organizers of Interplas '87, believed the time was ripe for visitors to look and learn as well as be faced with normal salesmanship. Those displaying in the centre will not be able to use sales brochures.

Fred Cook, manager of the centre, says: "We decided to place within the grasp of the visitor in one completely dedicated area, an idea of what was going on in the industry just outside the perimeter fence of their own interest."

For the whole of the exhibition Interplas '87 will have more than 1,000 exhibiting companies — representing machinery manufacture, materials production and processing operations — drawn from 28 countries.

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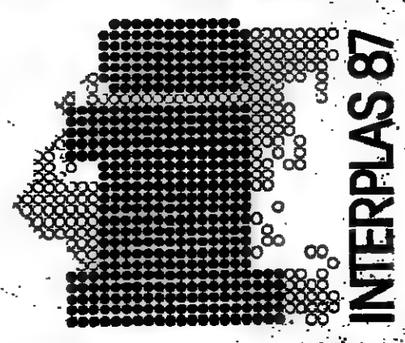

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In place of old metal

Plastics are playing an increasing part in rolling back the frontiers of technology in the engineering and electrical industries, often replacing metal in the high-tech applications.

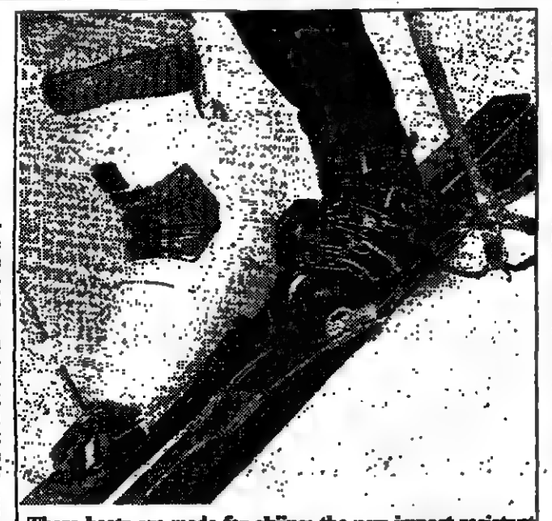
Metal-replacement is seen as a large and challenging market and plastics have only just begun to make inroads. But reckoning out there is an estimated growth area: about seven per cent annually in the replacement of die-cast metals, about eight per cent in replacing sheet metal, and 25 to 30 per cent in replacement of load and stress bearing metal parts.

It has helped bring about the emergence of specialist polycarbonates and thermoplastics, acetal polymers, phenolics, polyesters resins and other plastics, many of them "engineered", which are building up reputations for their toughness, flexibility, good wear resistance and even conductivity.

"Engineering" plastics are not always easy to define because today's trend is to modify, blend and even "alloy" existing plastics to produce entirely new materials, with a range of properties all their own.

But their use is growing throughout the automotive industry, in construction, in aerospace and electronics. The development of more sophisticated electronics items, for instance, has opened up new opportunities for makers of printed circuit boards with the industry poised to make a great leap forward to the new thermoplastics board.

The use of plastic components in the electronics, telecommunications and automotive industries are already making their impact in the worldwide sale of plastics. The electronic sector alone accounted for sales of more than £154 million last year and in the automotive sector sales topped £177 million. All told, it is estimated that the manufacture of plastic components for use in other industries accounted for sales of nearly £600 million.



These boots are made for skiing; the new impact-resistant plastic model compared with the traditional boot

Over the last few years, the "natural" applications for plastics in automobiles (interior fittings, cushioning and upholstery, trim, tail lights, and electrical components) is considered to have become saturated. But the plastic industry sees spectacular growth in the future in the use of plastics for bodywork and for some mechanical components.

Already in Europe, North America and Japan, there is widespread use of plastics for front and rear bumpers with the use of specialized polyester, polyurethane and injection-moulded polypropylene. Other materials, particularly filled and modified polyamides, are emerging as contenders. In the view of the plastics industry, all of these materials and technologies will probably find their place, depending on production and market requirements for the auto model in question.

Plastic manufacturers also predict bonnet and boot lids in plastics and possibly front wings. Inside the car there will be other key developments, with almost a complete switch-over in the next few years to plastic fuel tanks. They are already installed in some new cars, saving both weight and cost. They are safer in an accident: plastic tanks would not lead to the tank exploding in a fire because they would melt in the heat and the fuel would seep.

And with the development of 'engineering' and compound plastics, seat frames and a number of mechanical parts could be made of the materials, including possibly parts of the engine block. Ironically, the move to electronics in the car will produce a decrease in plastics in this sector, in volume terms, but the value of those used will be higher.

In recent years improvements in the performance of advanced thermoplstics have brought near a development which has long been accepted as theory: the use of these materials in moulded form, enabling peripheral components and frame assemblies to be moulded in, rather than added later.

An ultimate scenario has already been painted: three-dimensional boards moulded with the circuitry running over the complex shape required by the design of the unit to be served. The potential is seen as so great that leading engineering polymer producers such as Du Pont, ICI, General Electric Plastics and Amoco are carrying out huge research and development projects, convinced it will represent substantial resin sales in the future.

A worldwide survey of the potential, produced by the International Chem Systems consultancy, concluded that the key markets were automotive, telecommunications and computers, the main criteria being the ability to mass produce with fast output.

WORLD CONSUMPTION, 1972-1995

(4000 metric tonnes)

Item	1972	1986	1991	1995
Consumption by region				
N America	9895	22584	27550	31850
Lat America	1415	4476	5750	7055
W Europe	12996	23317	27065	30200
E Europe	4264	9802	11385	12875
Africa/ME	434	1056	1530	2045
Asia/Ocean	7064	16068	20720	24975
Total world	36068	77313	94000	109000
Net exports	2298	2512	1820	1600
Plastics production				
Polyethylene	10172	23181	28785	34790
Polypropylene	2047	8598	10995	12940
PVC	7638	14568	17380	19700
Polystyrene	4767	8380	9490	10595
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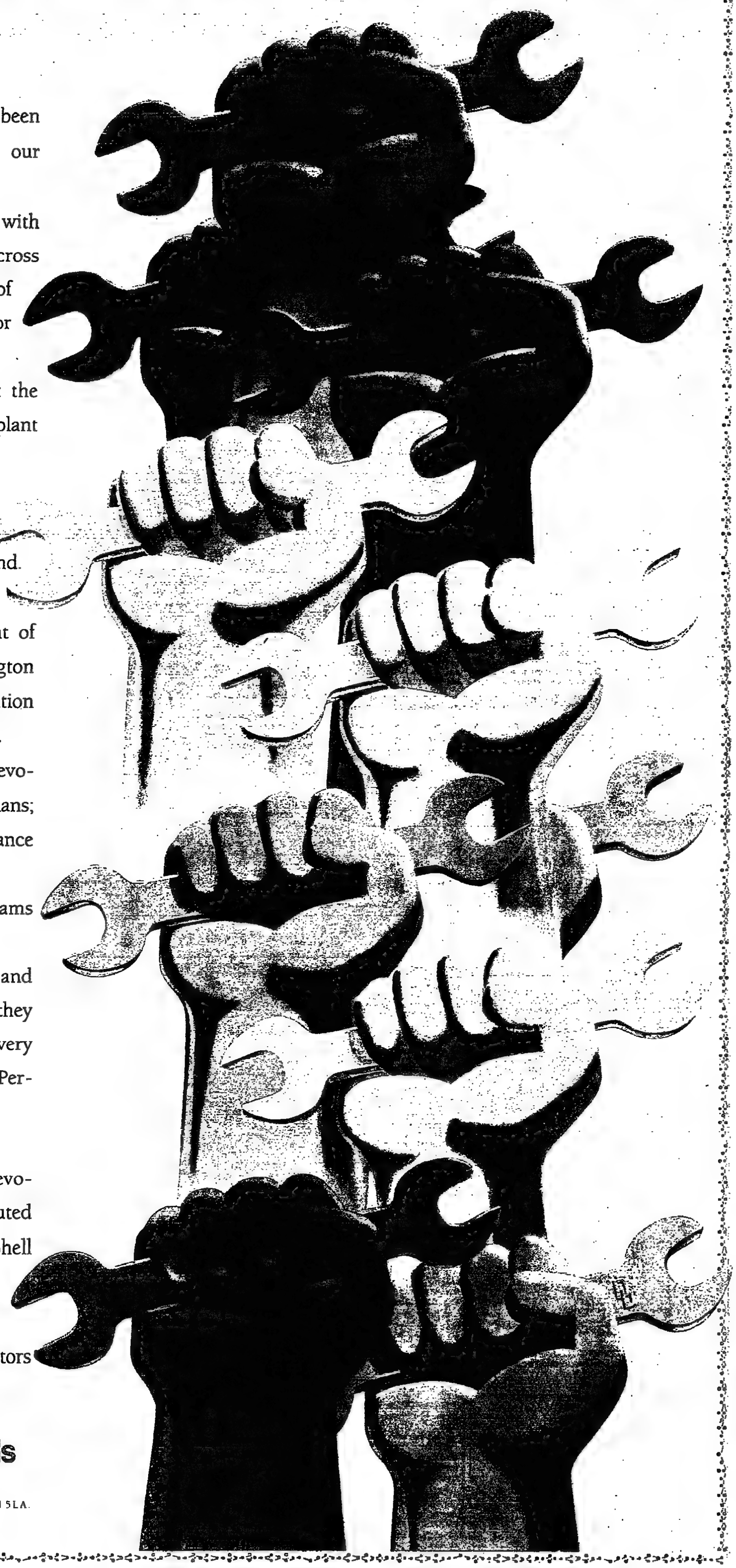

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A bold winter's tale

Top designers have turned to the garden for inspiration – and knitwear may never be the same again

Among the wilder fandangos of colourful, folksy ruffles whipped up for the fashionable to wear this winter, the simplest and prettiest clothes are the new, richly patterned, flowery sweaters.

Old-fashioned roses clamber around the welted neckbands; leaves intertwine among the trellis of plain and purl; tiny buds nestle in the moss stitch. As an added refinement, embroidery provides a crisp, three-dimensional effect.

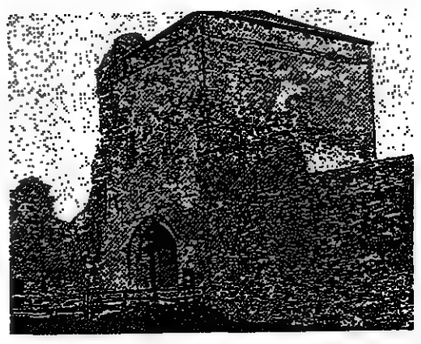
In a different mood, and another price range, mass-produced knitwear is simply printed with flowers. March into any Benetton shop and you can bury your nose in a bouquet of mimosa, roses, lilies and camellias stamped on soft pastel lambswool jumpers and ribbon-banded cardigans, which can be matched to pastel knitted skirts, trousers, or leggings.

Different cultures provide different points of reference for a designer's interpretation of the romantic mood in fashion. Both *Byblos* and *Monsoon* work alpine flowers, the traditional decoration of the Tyrolean jersey, into their knitwear.

Edina Ronay dipped into her own Hungarian heritage. On a visit to Budapest with her mother this summer, she found inspiration in a book of traditional Magyar embroideries for her distinctive tailored Venetian jackets. A Hungarian national dress picked up in a local market sparked her dirndls in scarlet or black silk dupion.

Caroline Charles collaborated with the textile designer Susan Collier to create gypsy bunches of country flowers tied up with ribbon for prints on black wool challis.

These bright Romany bouquets, worked in chunky wool in exuberant colours, are central to her range of hand-knitted jerseys and cardigans: "It's time to open the dressing-up box, and introduce a splash of colour and folksy flowers into our lives again."



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Far left: Rose-patterned jersey, handknitted in black and cream, £155, Martin Kidman for Joseph Tricot, 268 Brompton Road, SW3. Black ribbon lace skirt, £84, Whistles, 12-14 St Christopher's Place, W1; selected branches. Suede shoes, £39, Basics from The Plaza, W1
Centre: Handknitted cream chunky cardigan, horn-buttoned, £300, Edina Ronay, 141 Kings Road, SW3; Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW1. Knitted skirt, £54, Tina Shaw at Whistles
Above: Bobble-patterned handknitted sweater, embroidered with alpine flowers, £175, claret and assorted colours, Edina Ronay. Gunmetal rosebud earrings, £7.95, Harvey Nichols
Hair: Debbie Horgan for Daniel Galvin. Make-up: Diane Kendal
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PEOPLE

Stars on Sunday

Winter is officially here. Jasper Conran was back in long trousers when he picked up his award on Sunday at New York's Fashion Group's fourth annual Night of Stars at the Waldorf Astoria. Conran escorted *that other current* star of Manhattan, the nightclub owner Nell Campbell, who wore his swathes of green chiffon.

Christian Lacroix held court with his silver-haired model **Marie Seznick**. Lagerfeld escorted Marpessa, and Issey Miyake partnered Tina Chow.

The other British designer honoured, **Zandra Rhodes**, was in Australia. She sent an elegant ambassadress to pick up her award: **Evangeline Brute**, widow of the former US ambassador to London, **David Brute**.

● **Just in case the burghers of Cologne feel that the *Princess of Wales* is not able to provide a comprehensive parade of British fashion during the state visit to Germany this week, the British Knitting & Clothing Export Council stage their own gala show at the Wallraf-Richartz Museum today. Britain's top fashion exporters such as *Laura Ashley*, *Aquascutum*, *Burberrys* and *Jaeger* star in the show, along with many of the Princess's favourite designers, *Jacques Azagury*, *Arabella Pollen*, *Caroline Charles* and *David Sassoon* of *Bellville Sassoon*.**

Trunk calls

The Trunk Show, a familiar fashion phenomenon in the United States, reaches London this week. A collection is packed up and the Great Designer, plus entourage, takes off to meet the customers in out-of-town stores. New York design stars like **Bill Blass** and **Oscar de la Renta** do it all the time.

Emanuel Ungaro's trunk has been packed and his new collection is on view in his shop at 39 Sloane Street in London from today until Thursday. Unfortunately, Ungaro himself could not make the trip, but his elegant deputy **Marie-Pierre Bachelet** will be on hand. And **Serge Lepage**, the French couturier, is in London with his trunk and his favourite model **Corrine**. The first informal showing in London of a Parisian haute couture collection is being held today and tomorrow in a chic drawing room of **Florence, Viscountess Hardinge's** Holland Park house.

Shoes with real polish

If the shoe fits . . . chances are it is hand-made and incredibly comfortable

Is it the sleek fit of well-curried calf to foot that gives them their undoubted appeal? Is it that extra spit and polish applied to nurture such an out and out extravagance? Or could it simply be the comfort radiating from the wearer's face? Once experienced, the sheer pleasure of wearing hand-made shoes is never given up.

"When I walk down the street, I can spot instantly the person who is wearing hand-made shoes," says Oliver Sweeney, recently installed as managing director of McAfee, the firm of gentlemans' shoemakers founded in 1848 by John McAfee and still based in London's Cork Street.

Sweeney introduced a new range of six classic styles for women at the opening of a new McAfee shop at 35 Brompton Road, Knightsbridge, last week. The brogues, loafers and jodhpur boots — in black, tan, navy, black/tan and navy/white, are made in Northampton in a factory upgraded by Sweeney to reproduce the 130 to 150 different processes that it takes to make a quality shoe.

Prices run from £89 up to £130 for a pair of ankle boots, made from properly curried calf on an elegant last, the uppers using three layers of leather, the soles welded for protection against rain and providing proper arch and heel support.

Customers already hooked on the comfort of wearing shoes hand-made to a beechwood last carved to the exact shape of their feet include David Hockney, Sir Alec Guinness and a handful of Royals. Bespoke prices run from £500 to £600 "and are worth every penny", Sweeney says. McAfee branches are also at 46 Curzon Street, Old Bond Street W1, Lime Street EC3 and 73 Knightsbridge.

The Queen's shoemakers, the H. and M. Rayne family firm, headed by Edward Rayne for 48 years, is also stepping out under new ownership. David Graham is offering more widely a service hitherto available only to the Queen or the Queen Mother.

A pair of simple court shoes can be made to order in any fabric and in a choice of three heel types. Using an elegantly chiselled last with two width fittings, the Rayne Personalized Shoe can be finished off with a rhinestone clip or a silk rosette at extra cost and comes with your name written inside. Prices run from £109 and delivery is two to four weeks. The service is available at Rayne, 57 Brompton Road, SW3; Harvey Nichols; Paris.

After 25 years with Charles Jourdan, where she was managing director UK since 1972, Jennifer Loss has launched her own brand with partners Luc Pouyer and designer Bernard Didelle. Luc Berjen, the less-than-foot-tapping title resulting from a combination of their three names, is a collection of medium-priced shoes (£45 to £75) designed in France, made in Italy, and available here for Spring.

Hand-made: shoemaker Ted Larson, of McAfee, at his craft

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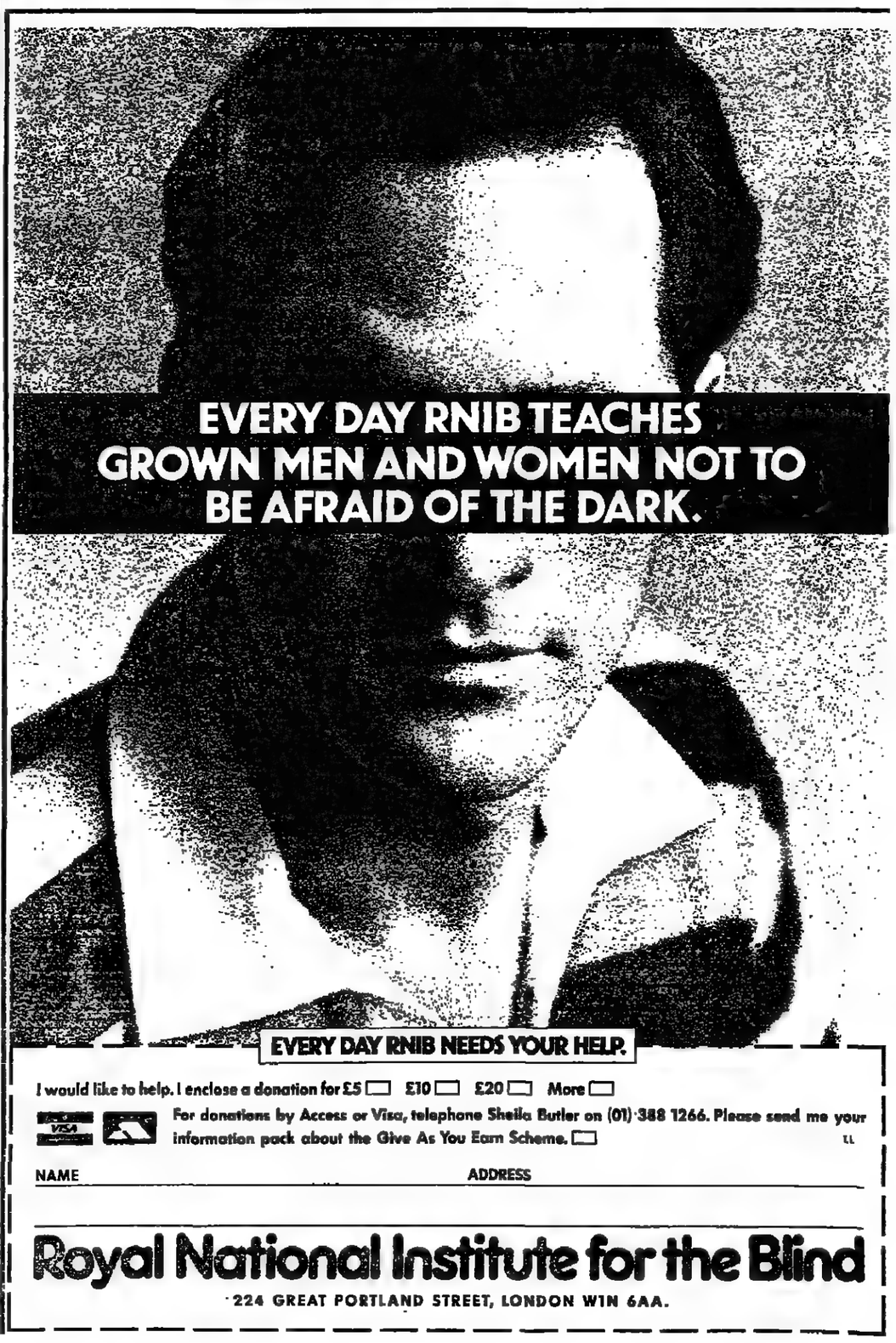

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BOOKING KEY
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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **APART FROM GEORGE:** Nick Ward's Fenland tragedy, acclaimed at Edinburgh.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, London SW1 (01-730 2554). Tube: Sloane Square. Previews tonight and tomorrow 8-9.30pm. First night Thurs Nov 5, 8-9.30pm. Then Mon-Sat 8-9.30pm, mats Sat 4-5.30pm, £4-£6.

☆ **BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT:**
Frank Finlay, Wendy Craig and others in Jeffrey Archer courtroom drama.
Queen's Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue W1 (01-734 1166). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, mats Thurs 3-5.15pm and Sat 5-7.15pm, £5-£13.50.

☆ **BLUES IN THE NIGHT:** Return of hit blues show: Carol Woods, Debby Bishop, Maria Friedman and Peter Straker sing their hearts out in a sleazy Chicago hotel.
Piccadilly Theatre, Denman Street, W1 (01-437 4506). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 6.30-8pm and 9-11pm, £8.50-£14.50. (D)

☆ **A COLLIER'S FRIDAY NIGHT:** Annette Crosbie, Alfred Lynch, Claire Hackett in D H Lawrence's warm, beautifully detailed play.
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill SE10 (01-858 7755). Station: Greenwich. Mon-Sat 7.45pm; mats Sat 2.30pm. £3-£10.

★ **CONVERSATIONS ON A HOMECOMING:** The excellent *Druid Theatre Company from* Galway on their international tour with Tom Murphy's saloon bar play.
Donmar Warehouse, 41 Earlham Street WC2 (01-240 8230). Tube: Leicester Square/Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 8-9.50pm, mat Sat 3-4.50pm, £5-£10.50. Closes Nov 7. (D)

★ **FOLLIES:** Sondheim's musical, in London at last, has Diana Rigg and Julia McKenzie leading a starry cast.
Shaftesbury Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (01-379 5399). Tube: Holborn/Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.15pm, mats Wed and Sat 3-5.30pm, £10-£20.

☆ **GROUCHO: A LIFE IN REVUE:** Frank Ferrante in musical entertainment about the man with the cork moustache.
Comedy Theatre, Panton Street SW1 (01-930 2578). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8-10.10pm, mats Wed 3-5.10pm and Sat 5-7.10pm, £4-£12.50. (D)

☆ **THE HYPOCHONDRIAC:** Tom Courtenay heads Molière's classic comedy, directed by Nancy Meckler.
Lyric Theatre, King Street W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.45pm; mats Wed 2.30pm and Sat 4pm. £5-£10. (D)

☆ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST:** Dame Hilda Bracket bestows upon us her Lady Bracknell and Dr Evadne Hinge offers her Miss Prism in a cunning adaptation of Mr Wilde's original.
Whitehall Theatre, Whitehall, SW1 (01-930 7765). Tube: Charing Cross/Embankment. Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 8.15-10.30pm; mats Wed 3-5.15pm and Sat 5-7.15pm, £8.50-£13.50.

☆ **IT'S A GIRL:** Bush Theatre reopens after its fire with John Burrows's exhilarating all-woman musical show on pregnancy and allied matters.
Bush Theatre: Bush Hotel, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (01-743 3388). Tube: Shepherds Bush. Tues-Sun, 8pm, £5.

★ **LETTICE AND LOVAGE:** Maggie Smith and Margaret Tyzack waging eccentric war against the modern world in Peter Shaffer's new comedy.
Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3667). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 7.45-10.15pm; mats Sat 3-5.30pm. £7.50-£14.50.

☆ **A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS:** Charlton Heston takes over the role of Sir Thomas More in the strongly cast transfer from Chichester.
Savoy Theatre, Strand WC2 (01-836 8888). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, mats 2.30-5.15pm, £5-£14.50. (D)

☆ **THE SISTERHOOD:** Janet Henfrey and Clive Swift lead a strong cast in Molière's satire on frightful intellectual women, *Les Femmes Savantes.*
New End Theatre, 27 New End, NW3 (01-794 0022). Tube: Hampstead. Opens tonight. Tue-Sun 8pm, late night Sat 10pm, £5.50-£6.

☆ **TEWODROS:** Power struggles in 19th century Ethiopia; Black Theatre play by an adviser to the present regime's Minister of Culture.
Arts Theatre, *Great Newport* Street, London WC2 (01-836 2132). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 8pm. £4-£8.

☆ **THE THOUSAND CHERRIES OF YOSHITSUNE:** Six performances only by the Kabuki Theatre Company of the classic *Kabuki* play, telling of clan warfare in medieval Japan.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916). Tube: Angel. Tonight until Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm, £3.50-£20.

☆ **A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE:** Michael Gambon magnificent in transfer of Alan Ayckbourn's NT production.
Aldwych Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 *6404) Tubes: Charing* Cross/Covent Garden. Mon-Fri 7.30-9.40pm, Sat 8.30-10.40pm; mats Sat 5-7.10 pm. £5-14.50.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business Of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . ★ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . ★ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951). . . ★ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0). . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171). . . ☆ **Me And My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4) . . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443) . . ★ **Phantom Of The Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). . . ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

BRACKNELL: ☆ **Nana:** Touring production by Shared Experience of Zola's strong tale of a powerful French courtesan.
Wilde Theatre, South Hill Park Arts Centre (0344 484123), Tue-Sat 7.30pm, £4.20-£6.50.

BRIDLINGTON: ☆ **Comedy of Errors:** Excellent RSC touring company includes Philip Franks, Maggie Steed, Richard O'Callaghan and Bob Goodie.
Spa Theatre, South Marine Drive (0262 678258), Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £6.

POOLE: ☆ **A Month in the Country:** Cambridge Theatre Company's tour of Turgenev's eternal triangle: mother and daughter the rivals in love for the handsome young tutor.
Towngate Theatre, Kingsland Road (0202 685222), Tue-Sat 7.45pm, mat Sat 4pm, £4.60-£5.80.

FILMS

■ Also on national release
≋ Advance booking possible

■ **ANGEL HEART (18):** Mickey Rourke's down-at-heel detective pursues a missing person to the voodoo underworld of New Orleans. Pulp stuff, directed by Alan Parker in slam-bang style (113 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.05, 5.50, 8.40.

ARIA (18): A mixed bag of directors put visuals to 10 operatic bon-bons from RCA's record catalogue. Directors include Jean-Luc Godard, Robert Altman, Nicolas Roeg, Ken Russell and Derek Jarman.
≋ *Lumière (01-836 0691). Progs* 1.10, 3.05, 5.05, 7.05, 9.10

BELLY OF AN ARCHITECT (15): Peter Greenaway's study of a middle-aged architect (Brian Dennehy), losing his confidence and possibly his wife in Rome (118 min).
≋ **Gate** (01-727 4043). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.25, 8.50,
Metro (01-437 0757). Progs 1.30, 4.00, 6.30 9.00.
≋ **Screen on the Hill** (01-435 3366). Progs 3.00, 6.30, 8.45, .

BLISS (18): Bizarre Australian black comedy from 1985, about an advertising executive whose world crumbles after a heart attack. Based on Peter Carey's novel; directed by Ray Lawrence, with Barry Otto, Lynette Curran, Helen Jones.
≋ **Odeon Haymarket** (01-839 7697). Progs 1.10 3.30, 6.00, 8.35.

DIRTY DANCING (15): Flimsy but energetic coming-of-age saga, with Jennifer Grey as the headstrong girl losing her innocence at a Borscht Belt resort. With Patrick Swayze and Jerry Ardolino. (88 min)
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.55, 4.05, 6.15, 8.25.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.40, 3.55, 6.10, 8.30.
Cannon Royal (01-930 6915). Progs 1.20, 3.20, 5.50, 8.15.

EAT THE RICH (15): Raucous black comedy about London life, from Peter Richardson, originator of *The Comic Strip.* With Ronald Allen, Fiona Richmond, Nosher Powell. (90 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.25, 8.30
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 4.30, 6.45 9.15.**Cannon Haymarket** (01-839 1527). Progs 2.30, 4.25, 6.30, 8.35.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.30, 4.30, 6.35, 8.35.

■ **HELLRAISER (18):** Full-blooded British horror film, written and directed by Clive Barker from his own novel about a decomposed corpse trying to eat his way back to life (100 min).
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 3.00, 5.15, 7.35, 9.50.

MADE IN HEAVEN (PG): Awkward comic fable about a love match literally made in heaven; touching moments, though. Alan Rudolph *directs Timothy Hutton and Kelly* McGillis. (102 min).
Chelsea Cinema (01-351 3742). Progs 2.25, 4.30, 6.40, 8.55.
Renoir Cinema (01-837 8402). Progs 2.25, 4.30, 6.40, 8.55.

A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET III: DREAM WARRIORS (18): The latest edition to the gory adventures of demonic Freddy Krueger. With Heather Langenkamp, Patricia Arquette, Robert Englund; director, Chuck Russell. (96 min).
Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 5252). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.20, 8.50.

■ **THE RESCUERS (U):** 1977 Walt Disney animated feature — not, perhaps, among the best from the studio, but still way ahead of most contemporary animation. (77 min).
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 12.45, 2.45, 4.50, 6.50, 8.45.
≋ **Odeon High Street Kensington** (01-602 6644) Progs 12.50, 3.05, 5.20.

■ **SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS (U):** Walt Disney's first animated feature, 1937, looking better than ever (83 min).
≋ **Odeon Leicester Square** (01-930 6111). Progs 1.45, 4.30, 7.15.

■ **WHO'S THAT GIRL (15):** Derivative, silly comedy, ensured a teenage audience by the presence of Madonna, cast as a petty thief just released from prison. Co-starring Griffin Dunne. Directed by James Foley (92 min).
Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.30, 8.35

■ **THE WITCHES OF EASTWICK (18):** Jack Nicholson's satanic stranger dominates this bumpy adaptation of John Updike's clever novel about the battle of the sexes. With Susan Sarandon, Cher, Michelle Pfeiffer. George Miller directs (118 min).
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279) Progs 2.20, 5.20, 8.15.
≋ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636) Progs 2.15, 6.10, 9.15.
≋ **Screen on the Green** (01-226 3520) Progs 3.55, 6.10, 8.45.

All too many Wexford productions die after their allotted span of four performances at the late October opera festival in Ireland. But thanks to airline sponsorship one at least of them, Bellini's *La straniera* (above, Cynthia Clarey as Isoletta) will be seen in London at the Queen Elizabeth Hall tonight and Thursday with the festival cast. *La straniera* was written in 1829, just before the run of masterpieces Bellini composed before he died, far too young, in 1835. A messy and improbable plot is one of the reasons that revivals in our century have been rare. This centres on a veiled lady, in fact the Queen of France waiting to take her place on the throne, who glides around the shores of a Brittany lake. Robert Carsen has made this as lucid as possible in his Wexford staging, based simply on sliding walls against a romantic backdrop of the lake in question. The twin stars of the evening are the tenor and baritone. The former is Ingus Peterson, from the Latvian State Opera in his western debut, as Count Arturo who is much taken by the veiled lady. An American, Jake Gardner, is the latter as the Queen's brother. *Renata Daltin takes the title role of la straniera* (The Stranger) and Cynthia Clarey is the woman Arturo spurns in favour of the lady of the lake. Stylish conducting from Jan Latham-Koenig is one of many reasons for catching an opera which surfaces all too rarely. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, credit cards 928 8800), tonight and Thursday, 7.45pm, £7.50-£25. *John Higgins*

DANCE

★ **GRAIN:** A London premiere by the fascinating Japanese dancers Eiko and Koma.
ICA Theatre, The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 3647), 8-9.30pm, £4.90.

☆ **NUTCRACKER SUITE:** A new production from London City Ballet together with their successful new staging of *La Sylphide.*
Ashcroft Theatre, Croydon (01-688 9291), 7.30-10pm, £5.50-£8.

☆ **SWAN LAKE:** André Prokovsky's dramatic production for Northern Ballet Theatre.
Empire Theatre, Liverpool (051 709 1555), 7.30-9.30pm, £2.50-£10.

TALKS

VITRUVIUS OR ALBERTI?: Lecture by the RIBA art historian John Onians on the respective merits of the *"Old and New Testaments"* of architecture.
Royal Institute of British Architects, 66 Portland Place, London W1 (01-580 5533), 5.15pm, £2, members £1.

UP THE LIBRARY LADDER: Lecture by Nicola Beauman, author of *A Very Great Profession* and *Cynthia Asquith.*
Highgate Literary and Scientific Institution, 11 South Grove, Highgate, London N6 (01-340 3343), 8.15pm, £1.

THE PEARL FISHERS: Pre-performance talk by Professor Roderick Swanson, Senior Lecturer at the Royal College of Music.
Theatre Museum, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-836 0111), 6pm, £2.

THE CONTRACT RESEARCHER — AN ENDANGERED SPECIES: Lecture by Professor P N Campbell, Honorary Research Fellow, Department of Biochemistry.
University College, Gower Street, London WC1, 1.15-1.55pm, free.

OPERA

☆ **THE PEARL FISHERS:** Anthony Michaels-Moore now takes over the role of Zurga, and Noel Davies conducts Philip Prowse's elegant production.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.20pm, £2-£21.50.

☆ **COSI FAN TUTTE:** Glyndebourne Touring Opera offer the last chances to see Peter Hall's perceptive original production, now staged by Stephen Lawless.
Mayflower Theatre, Southampton (0703 229771), 7-10pm, £6-£18.

☆ **MAGIC FLUTE:** Kent Opera's handsome production now on tour, with Andrew Shore as an irresistible Papageno.
Derngate, Northampton (0604 24811), 7-10.15pm, £3.50-£13.

☆ **MACBETH:** Ian Judge's stark, expressionistic production for Opera North, with Josephine Barstow as Lady Macbeth.
Palace Theatre, Manchester (061 236 9922), 7.15-10.15pm, £4-£17.50.

☆ **AIDA:** Gilbert Deflo's controversial new production for Scottish Opera with Janice Cairns in the title role.
His Majesty's Theatre, Aberdeen (0224 641122), 7.15-10.30pm, £5-£15.

☆ **DIE FLEDERMAUS:** Welsh National Opera's entertaining 1920s style production with Susanne Murphy as Rosalinde.
Theatr Clwyd, Mold, (0352 55114), 7.15-10.15pm, £3-£20.

GALLERIES

NOW, FAIR RIVER: 14 artists, including Keith Grant and Jake Sutton, show paintings of the Thames.
The Cotton Centre, London Bridge City, Tooley Street, London SE1 (01-499 6870), Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, *Sun 11am-5pm, free, until Dec 4.*

THE SETTECENTO: Tiepolo, Guardi and Batoni feature in this mixed show of Italian paintings 1720-1800.
Matthiesen Fine Art, 7/8 Mason's Yard, London SW1 (01-930 2437), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, free, until Dec 20.

TURNER AND THE CHANNEL: The new Clore Gallery's first theme show.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London W1 (01-821 1313), Mon-Sat 10am-5.50pm, Sun 2-5.50pm, free, until Dec 27.

CHERYL HAMER: Paintings and drawings by an artist-in-residence at a hospital for children.
Laing Art Gallery, Higham Place, Newcastle (091 232 7734), Tues-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-4.40pm, Sun 2.30-5.30pm, free, until Dec 3.

PETER LANYON: Paintings 1952-1964 by the Cornish painter who made an important contribution to the British landscape tradition.
Gimpel Fils, 30 Davies Street, London W1 (01-493 2488), Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, free, until Nov 21.

THE TERRIBLE YEAR - 1937: A small display of work commemorating the 50th anniversary of Hitler's infamous *Entartete Kunst* (Degenerate Art) exhibition.
Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Belford Road, Edinburgh (031 556 8921), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until Dec 6.

SEAN SCULLY: Abstract paintings by an Old Master of the genre, now living in New York.
Mayor Rowan Gallery, 31A Bruton Place, London W1 (01-499 3011), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-4pm, free, until Nov 12.

JEAN LUC VILMOUTH: Commonplace objects re-presented as sculpture.
Institute of Contemporary Arts, The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 3647), Daily noon-8pm, 60p, until Nov 15.

DRAWINGS BY ARTISTS IN 17TH CENTURY ROME: The Carracci, Salvator Rosa and Guercino feature in this survey.
National Gallery of Scotland, *The* Mound, Edinburgh (031 556 8921), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until Dec 27.

ROCK

☆ **MARILLION:** The Market Square Heroes limber up for their Christmas shows and celebrate a new hit. "Warm Wet Circles".
Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-902 1234) 7pm, £9-£10, for three nights.

☆ **LITTLE STEVEN:** Springsteen's former guitarist starts a week of British dates.
Leas Cliff Hall, The Leas, Folkestone (0303 54695) 7.30pm, £5-£5.50.

☆ **POP WILL EAT ITSELF:** The oiks from Stourbridge whose *Box Franzy* is a surprisingly sharp combination of rap, rock and sampled spoils.
The Bikeshed at the Limelight, 136 Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2 (01-434 0527) 9.30pm, £5.

☆ **L L COOL J:** "I Need Love" is Cool J's plea, but his show needs a little more discipline. Much better are support acts Eric B. & Rakim and the unnerving Public Enemy.
Hammersmith Odeon, *Queen* Caroline Street, London W6 (01-748 4081) 6.45pm, £5.50-£7.50.

☆ **PUBLIC IMAGE LIMITED:** Dear old Johnny Lydon with a delightfully slick musical and visual presentation.
National, 234 Kilburn High Road, London NW6 (01-328 3141) 7pm, £6.50.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **DEBUSSY/BAX:** Aline Brewer (harp), Jane Atkins (viola) and Jennifer Stinton (flute) play Debussy's Sonata for Flute, Viola and Harp, and Bax's Elegiac Trio.
St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 1930), 1.05-2pm, free.

EVENING

☆ **'FRISCO POLYPHONY:** Esa-Pekka Salonen conducts the Philharmonia Orchestra in Ligeti's San Francisco Polyphony, Debussy's *Images,* and Cho-Liang Lin solos in Sibelius's Violin Concerto.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 928 8800), 7.30pm, £2-£14.

☆ **BEETHOVEN CONTINUES:** The cycle of Beethoven's complete string quartets given by the Melos Quartet of Stuttgart continues with Opp 18 No 3, 95 and the heavyweight Op 132.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £3-£7.50.

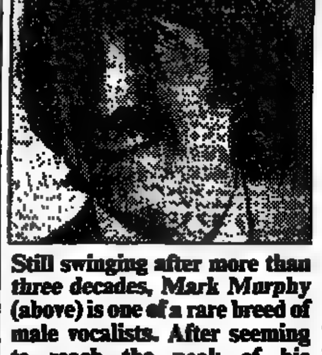
☆ **BEETHOVEN WINDS UP:** Edith Fischer ends her Beethoven piano sonata series with Opp 10 No 3, 27 No 2, 79 and 111.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £3-£6.

☆ **JET WHISTLE:** Villa-Lobos's *The Jet Whistle* receives another performance, this time from Evelyn Frank (flute), Gillian Thoday (cello) and Mark Troop (piano), who surround it with trios by Haydn, Martinu and Pierné.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 928 8800), 7.30pm, £2-£5.

JAZZ

☆ **MARK MURPHY:** See caption.
Bass Clef, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (01-729 2476), 8.45pm, £4.50.

☆ **HUMPHREY LYTTELTON:** Still one of the country's most distinctive trumpeters.
Bull's Head, Lonsdale Road, London SW13 (01-876 5241), 8.30pm, £3.50.



Still swinging after more than three decades, Mark Murphy (above) is one of a rare breed of male vocalists. After seeming to reach the peak of his popularity in the 1960s, he has been a regular performer on the European circuit in recent years, building up a new following with music which remains firmly rooted in the bop tradition. He appears at London's Bass Clef tonight and tomorrow (see listing).

☆ **MARTIN SPEAKE:** The Itchy Fingers horn player appears in a more subdued setting.
Jazz Café, 56 Newington Green, London N1 (01-359 4936), 8.30pm, free.

WALKS

IN DICKENS'S FOOTSTEPS: meet Holborn tube, 2pm, £2.50.

1880s EAST END MURDER: meet Tower Hill tube, 7.30pm, £2.25.

HIDDEN SIGHTS OF THE WEST END: meet Covent Garden tube, 11am, £2.50.

MEDIEVAL LONDON: meet Museum of London, 2.30pm, £2.75.

OTHER EVENTS

THE SCARF SHOW: Liberty exhibition on tour. 20th century design and fashion as exemplified in headscarves.
Rougemont House Museum, Castle Street, Exeter (0392 265858), today until Nov 28. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2.30pm-5.30pm. 75p, child 25p.

KENSINGTON ANTIQUES FAIR: 47 stands, selling mainly furniture, plus ceramics, jewellery, paintings. All items to pre-1840 dateline.
Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street, London W8 (01-937 5464). Today 2pm-8pm, tomorrow until Sat, 11am-8pm, Sun 11am-6pm. Today £3, thereafter £2.

AUCTIONS: Old and modern jewellery and English and continental pictures.
Christie's, 85 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (01-581 7611). Both sales, 2 pm.

THE SILVER SWORD: The Unicorn Theatre for Children production. Suitable for seven-to-15-year-olds.
Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire (0242 572573). *Today* until Thurs, 10.30am and 2.30pm, Fri and Sat 10.30am only. £1.50.

THE SEE-SAW TREE: David Wood's new musical for children, on tour. Produced by the Whirligig Theatre.
Swansea Grand Theatre, Swansea (0792 475715). Today until Fri, 10.30am and 1.30pm, Sat, 2.30pm. £2.50.

THE FAITHFUL HEATH: In the Made in London series, this film is described as one of the early successes of the Gainsborough Company, made in its Islington studios in 1932.
Museum of London, London Wall EC2 (01-600 3699), 6.10pm, £1.20.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

AVON POETRY FESTIVAL: Readings, discussions, workshops, exhibitions, dance, films and a touring bus. Throughout Nov.
Clifton Library, Princess Victoria Street, Bristol, Avon (0272 738572).

MENUHIN SCHOOL CONCERT: Fund-raiser, conducted by Sir Yehudi, who will also play, with a trio. Guildhall, Nov 25.
Stephenson Associates, 22 Atherton Street, London SW11 (01-924 2184).

TRINIDAD SILVER JUBILEE: To benefit children's charities, a music and variety gala including steel band, classical music, jazz and dance. Marks the 25th anniversary of independence. Nov 16.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061).

LAST CHANCE

MEAN TEARS: Final performances of Peter Gill's new play, directed by the author. Daily until Sat.
Cottesloe, National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252).

GERMAN WOMEN FILMMAKERS: Final screenings in season. *The Future of Emily,* Wed; *Laputa,* Thurs; *Dorian Gray in the Popular Press,* Sat.
ICA, Nash House, The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 3647).

WHISKERD AND TITCOMBE: Local views by Cedric Titcombe, pastels of classical sculpture casts by John *Whiskerd.* Until Sat.
City Museum and Art Gallery, Gloucester (0452 24131).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

TOP 10 UK SINGLES

1	(1)	You Win Again	Bee Gees, Warner Brothers
2	(2)	Faith	George Michael, Epic
3	(11)	Whenever You Need Somebody	Rick Astley, RCA
4	(3)	Love In The First Degree	Bananarama, London
5	(18)	China In Your Hand	T'Pau, Siren
6	(5)	Little Lies	Fleetwood Mac, Warner Brothers
7	(12)	Got My Mind Set On You	George Harrison, Dark Horse
8	(7)	Mony Mony	Billy Idol, Chrysalis
9	(4)	Crockett's Theme	Jan Hammer, MCA
10	(10)	Walk The Dinosaur	Was (Not Was), Fontana

TOP 10 UK ALBUMS

1	(1)	Tango In The Night	Fleetwood Mac, Warner Brothers
2	(12)	Bridge Of Spies	T'Pau, Siren
3	(–)	The Best of UB40	UB40, Virgin
4	(–)	Crazy Crazy Crazy	Kiss, Vertigo
5	(3)	Nothing Like The Sun	Sting, A & M
6	(–)	Best Shots	Pat Benatar, Chrysalis
7	(2)	Christians	Christians, Island
8	(5)	E.S.P.	Bee Gees, Warner Brothers
9	(–)	Mainstream	Lloyd Cole & The Commotions, Polydor
10	(–)	The Singles	Pretenders, WEA

Compiled by Gallup for Music Week/BBC/BPI

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 638 8891/628 8795 No perf ton't Tomor 7.45 ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA James Judd (cond).

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL (01-928 3191) CC (928 8800) Tonight 7.30 PHILHARMONIA. Esa-Pekka Salonen. Cho-Liang Lin. Ligeti: San Francisco Polyphony: Sibelius Violin Concerto; Debussy: Images.

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't 7.30 The Pearl Fishers. Tomor 7.30 Werther.

LONDON PALLADIUM 437 7373 CC First Call 240 7200 (bkg fee) Until Nov 6. Eves 7.30, Mat Tomor 2.30 SHANGHAI KUNJU THEATRE Today's Perf: Macbeth

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911. Sdby Info 836 6903. S CC. 65 amphi seats avail on the day. Tomor 7.00 THE ROYAL OPERA Le nozze di Figaro.

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916 First Call CC 24 hr 7 day 240 7200. Opens Tonight: Ennosuke's KABUKI The Thousand Cherries of Yoshitsune Until 7 Nov. Eves 7.30, Sat Mat 2.30 11 -14 Nov Trisha Brown Dance Company from New York.

THEATRES

ADELPHI 836 7611 or 240 7913/4 CC 741 9999/836 7358/379 4444 Grp Sales 930 6123 First Call 24hr cc 240 7200 (no bkg fee) NOW BOOKING TO APRIL 2 ME AND MY GIRL THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL Nightly at 7.30 Mats Wed at 2.30 & Sat 4.30 & 8.00 "THE HAPPIEST SHOW IN TOWN" S Express

ALBERY 836 3878 cc 379 6565/379 4444 & 741 9999. Groups 836 3962 "IN THE BEST TRADITION OF SPITTING IMAGE AND MONTY PYTHON" Gdn JOHN SESSIONS' THE LIFE OF NAPOLEON directed by Kenneth Branagh "VERY, VERY FUNNY" Times Eves 8pm & Sat 5pm & 8.30pm FOR 6 WEEKS ONLY!

ALBERY 836 3878 cc 379 6565 741 9999 379 4444 240 7200 Groups 836 3962 NICHOLAS LYNDHURST In Larry Shue's New Comedy THE FOREIGNER Prevs from Dec 12

ALDWYCH 01 836 6404/0641 cc 379 6233/741 9999 First call 240 7200 (bkg fee) OPENS TONIGHT. Eves 7.30. Sat 5 & 8.30 FOR A LIMITED SEASON ONLY MICHAEL GAMBON in The National Theatre production of A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE By Arthur Miller Directed by Alan Ayckbourn

AMBASSADORS 01-836 6111/2 cc 836 1171. First Call (24 hrs/7 days) 240 7200 (bkg fee). Eves 7.30, Wed mat 3, Sat 4 & 8 Royal Shakespeare Company's LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES Winner of 4 "BEST PLAY" awards. Some tickets avail Mats NOW BOOKING TO MARCH '88

APOLLO 437 2663 CC 434 3598 CC with bkg fee First Call 24hr/7days 240 7200/CCTB 741 9999/Open All Hours 379 4444 Group Sales 930 6123 DINSDALE LANDEN CAROL DRINKWATER and JEREMY BULLOCH in DANGEROUS OBSESSION Gripping new thriller by N J Crisp REDUCED PRICE PREVIEWS FROM THUR. Eves 8. Sat 5.30 & 8.30. Opens 9 Nov at 7pm.

APOLLO VICTORIA SS 828 8665 CC 630 6262 Party Bkgs 828 6188 CC 1st Call 240 7200 Open All Hours 379 4444/ K Prowse 741 9999 Grps 930 6123. Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.0 "PHENOMENAL...YOU HAVE TO SEE IT" D.Tel STARLIGHT EXPRESS Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER Lyrics by RICHARD STILGOE Directed by TREVOR NUNN SOME SEATS AVAIL THIS WEEK OAP's £5 on Tues Mats NOW BOOKING TO MARCH 88

BARBICAN THEATRE 01 638 8891 cc (Mon-Sun 10am-8pm) ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY Ton't 7.30, rtns 11 Nov THE WINTER'S TALE "Highly recommended" S.Times A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM rtns tomor. THE BALCONY rtns 9 Nov. THE PIT Ton't 7.30, rtns 9 Nov. DEATHWATCH/THE MAIDS by Genet. THE ART OF SUCCESS rtns tomor. We regret that THE BLACKS has been postponed. Ticket holders please contact the Box Office.

BOULEVARD Walkers Court, Brewer St, W1 437 2661 cc 741 9199 PEOPLE SHOW No. 92 WHISTLE STOP "A joyous energizing evening" Ind. Mon-Sat 7.30 Fri & Sat Late Show 10pm OPENS TUE 17 NOV

CAMBRIDGE THEATRE Earlham St, WC2 Box office & cc 01-379 5299 & cc (no bkg fee) 1st Call 24hr/7 day 240 7200/CCTB 741 9999 & Open All Hours (bkg fee) 379 4444. Group Sales 930 6123 LULU GEORGE COLE JAN HARVEY in the "TRIUMPHANT AMERICAN MUSICAL" D.Tel PETER PAN REDUCED PRICE PREVIEWS FROM FRIDAY Eves 7.30, Wed & Sat mats 2.30 Opens 12 Nov at 7pm

CHURCHILL BROMLEY (15 mins Victoria) 460 6677. Bill Maynard stars in ANNIE THE MUSICAL. Eves 7.45 Mats Thurs & Sat 2.30.

COMEDY 01-930 2578/8778 CC 839 1438 CC (with bkg fee) 1st Call 240 7200/CCTB 741 9999/ Open All Hours 379 4444. Group Sales 01 930 6123. Eves 8.00 Mats Wed 3.00 & Sat 5.00 "THIS IRRESISTIBLE SHOW" Tms GROUCHO "Frank Ferrante comes" S.Tel GROUCHO "Les Marsden deliciously funny" Std "TOP MARX FOR FUN" S.Exp

COTTESLOE 'S' National Theatre 928 2252 CC Ton't, Tomor 7.30 MEAN TEARS a new play by Peter Gill. Ton't 6pm VIRTUE BOOK 45 min platform perf. All tkts £2.

CRITERION S 930 3216 CC 379 6565/ 379 4444/741 9999. Groups 836 3962 Eves 8. Thur mat 2.30. Sat 5.30 & 8.30 "BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST" D Mail The Theatre of Comedy Company DAVID McCALLUM JACK SMETHURST ERIC SYKES RUN FOR YOUR WIFE! LONDON'S LONGEST RUNNING COMEDY Written and directed by RAY COONEY Over 1,500 side-splitting perfs "SHOULD RUN FOR LIFE" S. Ex

DOMINION THEATRE 580 8845 580 9562. Tel CC bkgs FIRST CALL 24hr 7 day 836 2428 NO BKG FEE CC 741 9999 or 379 4444 (no bkg fee) Grps 930 6123 DAVE CLARK'S TIME THE ULTIMATE EXPERIENCE THE PORTRAYAL OF 'AKASH' BY LAURENCE OLIVIER Mon-Fri 7.30 Sat 4 & 8.15 SPECIAL CONCESSIONS at £7 all perfs except Fri & Sat eves for OAP's, UB40's, students & under 16's avail from 5pm (Sat from 12 noon) SEATS AVAIL FOR PERF TON'T NOW BOOKING TO APRIL

DONMAR WAREHOUSE 240 8230 cc 379 6565/4444 Eves 8. Sat Mat 3. Druid Theatre Co. in CONVERSATIONS ON A HOMECOMING By Tom Murphy

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & CC 01-836 8108. 01-240 9066/7. First Call 24hr 7 day cc bkgs on 01 240 7200 (no bkg fee). Open All Hours 01 379 4444 (no bkg fee) David Merrick's 42ND STREET A SHOW FOR ALL THE FAMILY Winner of all the best Musical Awards for 1984 voted BEST MUSICAL STANDARD DRAMA AWARDS voted BEST MUSICAL LAURENCE OLIVIER AWARD voted BEST MUSICAL PLAYS & PLAYERS LONDON THEATRE CRITICS AWARD Eves 8.0 Mats Wed 3.0, Sat 5.0 & 8.30. Xmas Mat Dec 21 at 3pm in aid of Standard Tree Appeal. Reduced price Wed mats. Students and OAP's standby. Group Sales 930 6123 4TH GREAT YEAR

DUKE OF YORKS 836 5122 cc 836 9837 379 4444 240 7200 741 9999 Grps 930 6123 AGATHA CHRISTIE'S AND THEN THERE WERE NONE "QUITE IRRESISTIBLE" D Mir "A STUNNINGLY ORIGINAL PLOT" D Tel. "A TRUE COMEDY THRILLER" LBC Eves 8 Mats Thu 3 Sat 5

FORTUNE THEATRE 836 2238 cc 741 9999 Eves Mon-Fri 8pm Sat 8.30 Mat Thurs at 3pm/Sat 6pm NUNSENSE THE FUNNY NUNNY MUSICAL "It will run for years" D Tel "Wacky & Totally Entertaining" LBC "Roaring Success... Irresistible...Perfect Taste" Stage "A Great Big Embrace of Fun..." "Terrific Performances" BBC Bkg Fee 1st Call 240 7200 Open All Hours 379 4444 Grp Sales 930 6123 Over 200 Perfs. Bkg to Jan 88

GARRICK 379 6107 cc 379 4444 (24hr no bkg fee). 741 9999 (no bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) WILLIAM GAUNT ROWENA ROBERTS MICHAEL SHARVELL-MARTIN WHEN DID YOU LAST SEE YOUR...TROUSERS? by Ray Galton & John Antrobus Eves 8. Mats Tues 3. Sat 5 OVER 200 PERFS THE NEW HIT COMEDY. NOW BOOKING UNTIL MAY '88

GLOBE THEATRE Box Office & C.C. 437 3667/741 9999. First Call (24hrs 7 days) 240 7200 (bkg fee). Mon-Sat 7.45. Sat Mat 3.00. MAGGIE SMITH MARGARET TYZACK in LETTICE AND LOVAGE a new comedy by PETER SHAFFER with RICHARD PEARSON directed by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE LATECOMERS WILL NOT BE ADMITTED

GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755. cc 01 853 3800 (no bkg fee) Evenings 7.45, Mats Sat 2.30 A COLLIER'S FRIDAY NIGHT by D.H. Lawrence. "The authentic voice of Lawrence" D Tel. "Beautifully observed... loving production" F Times. "Finely cast and beautifully acted" Std.

HAMPSTEAD 722 9301. Eves 8, Sat Mat 4.30 SEPARATION, A New Play by Tom Kempinski. "A tender heartbreaking love story" Sun Exp. "Two blazing, fearless performances" S. Times.

HER MAJESTY'S Haymarket 839 2244 ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA DAVE WILLETTS CLAIRE MOORE MICHAEL BALL Rebecca Caine plays Christine at certain performances Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 SOLD OUT TIL 1st JUNE Postal bkgs for Mon-Fri & Wed mats only June - Sept. Phone bookings or 24hr (bkg fee) 379 6131 / 240 7200. QUEUE DAILY FOR RETURNS

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & cc 01-930 9832 ALAN BATES "AS SPELLBINDING AS EVER" Times."A DAZZLING PIECE OF ACTING" Gdn. in MELON by SIMON GRAY "DEEPLY ADULT PLAY... TRAGICOMIC IN THE TRUE SENSE OF THE WORD" Sunday Times "BY TURNS SAVAGE AND HILARIOUS, DISTURBING, MOVING AND EVEN HORRIFIC" Sunday Telegraph Directed by CHRISTOPHER MORAHAN Mon-Sat Evgs 8.00 Mats Sats 3.00 First Call 24 Hr 7 day cc bkgs 01-240 7200 (bkg fee). Open All Hours 01 379 4444 (bkg fee) Group Sales 01 930 6123 LAST SIX WEEKS MUST CLOSE DECEMBER 12

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 01 741 2311. Eves 7.45pm Mats Wed 2.30pm Sat 4pm Molière's THE HYPOCHONDRIAC. LYRIC STUDIO Eves 8pm ATONEMENT by Barry Collins.

LYRIC Th. W.1. 437 3686/7/4 5166 "A clowning glory" Sun Exp. RUSS ABBOT ONE FOR THE ROAD by Willy Russell Mon-Fri 7.30 Sat 5.0 & 8.0 Mats Wed 3.0 1st Call 24 hr 7 day cc 240 7200. Open All Hours 379 4444 (Bkg fee) CCTB 741 9999 (Not Bkg Fee) Grps 930 6123.

LYTTELTON 'S' National Theatre 928 2252 CC Ton't 6.00 (please note new start time) THE WANDERING JEW by Michelene Wandor & Mike Alfreds from Eugene Sue's novel. Tomor 7.45 FATHERS & SONS new play by Brian Friel after Turgenev's novel.

MAYFAIR 01 629 3037 From Dec 14 to Jan 2 Twice daily 2.0 & 4.0 Weds & Sats 10.30, 2.0 & 4.0 SOOTY'S XMAS SHOW

MAYFAIR CC 629 3036 379 4444 Mon Thu 8 Fri & Sat 5.40 & 8.10 RICHARD TODD in "The Best Thriller for years" S Mir THE BUSINESS OF MURDER "An unabashed winner" S Exp "SENSATIONAL" Times 7TH THRILLING YEAR

NATIONAL THEATRE CC 01-928 2252 CC Agencies, bkg fee: 379 4444/240 7200/741 9999 See OLIVIER/LYTTELTON/ COTTESLOE Cheap seats days of perfs from 10am.

NEW LONDON Drury Lane WC2 405 0072 CC OPEN ALL HOURS 379 4444. Tkts from W H Smith Travel Branches Eves 7.45 Tue & Sat 3.00 & 7.45 THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER / T.S. ELIOT MUSICAL CATS Group Bookings 01 405 1567 or 01 930 6123. NOW BOOKING TO JUNE 88 Some Seats avail for extra Xmas Mats 21, 22, 29, 30 December

OLIVIER 'S' National Theatre 928 2252 CC Preview Today 2.00, opens tomor 2.00 THE PIED PIPER a musical show from Browning's poem (for 6-11 year olds, low prices). Ton't & tomor 7.00 ANTONY & CLEOPATRA by Shakespeare.

OLD VIC 928 7616 cc 261 1821 Eves 7.30, Wed Mats 2.30, Sats 4.0 & 7.45 "THE BEST MUSICAL IN LONDON" NY Post Royal Shakespeare Company in KISS ME KATE with PAUL JONES NICHOLA McAULIFFE TIM FLAVIN FIONA HENDLEY "COLE PORTER'S GLORIOUS MUSICAL" D.Tele. CC Nos (bkg fee) Open All Hours 379 4444/1st Call 240 7200/KP 741 9999. Grp Sales 930 6123

PALACE THEATRE 434 0909 cc OPEN ALL HOURS 379 4444 First Call 24Hr 7 Day cc 240 7200 Grp Sales 930 6123 "THE SHOW OF ALL SHOWS" Newsweek Winner of 8 Tony Awards inc BEST MUSICAL LES MISERABLES THE MUSICAL SENSATION Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30 Latecomers not admitted until the interval "FIGHT TO GET A TICKET" LBC

PHOENIX THEATRE 240 9661 836 2294 cc 7... 9999 379 4444 (no bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) ALBERT FINNEY BOB PECK in J J FARR by RONALD HARWOOD Directed by RONALD EYRE Eves 8. Mats Thu & Sat 3 Red Price Prevs from 10 Nov Opens 18 Nov

PICCADILLY 437 4506 CC 379 6565/4444 Open All Hours/ 741 9999. "AN UNSTOPPABLE SUCCESS" D. Express BLUES IN THE NIGHT The glorious blues & jazz hit "SUBLIME THEATRICAL MAGIC" D. Mail Mon-Thu 8, Fri & Sat 6.30 & 9 AIDS BENEFIT 9 NOV 11 PM

PLAYHOUSE Northumberland Ave WC2 839 4401 cc 24hr 240 7200 (bkg fee) 741 9999 (bkg fee) Grps 930 6123 HAZEL O'CONNOR DAVID EASTER in HOWARD GOODALL'S GIRLFRIENDS "Marvellously stirring triumphal music" BBC "The girls sing up a storm" F.T. Mon-Fri 8, Mat Thur 3 Sat 5 & 8.30

PRINCE EDWARD 734 8951 ALL tel cc bkgs FIRST CALL 24 hour 7 day on 836 3464 Grp Sales 930 6123. Mon-Sat 7.30 Mats Thurs & Sat 2.30 BEST MUSICAL 1986 Drama Magazine CHESS "A GRAND MASTER OF A SHOW" Newsweek Now booking to July 88 APPLY DAILY FOR RETURNS

PRINCE OF WALES 839 5987 First Call 24hr-7 day (BKG FEE) 240 7200, Grps 930 1940 ALLO ALLO with the TV SHOW STARS "IT'S ALL SAUCE AT THE CAFE OF LAUGHS" D. Exp Eves 8.0, Fri & Sat 5.30 & 8.40 ONLY 9 MORE WEEKS

PRINCE OF WALES 839 5989 RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S GEMMA CRAVEN EMILE BELCOURT SOUTH PACIFIC Previews from January 9. 24hr cc 1st Call 240 7200 (bkg fee) Group Sales Box Office 930 6123

QUEENS 734 1166/0261/0120 cc 741 9999 24hr 7 day cc 240 7200 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 FRANK FINLAY WENDY CRAIG BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT "BRILLIANT" PA "A TRIUMPH" D Exp "A SMASH HIT" The People by JEFFREY ARCHER DAVID LANGTON JEFFRY WICKHAM ANDREW CRUICKSHANK Directed by DAVID GILMORE Mon-Fri 8 Mat Thu 3 Sat 5 & 8.30

ROYAL COURT S CC 730 1745. "An amazing play" Gdn. A LIE OF THE MIND by SAM SHEPARD. Eves. 7.30. Sat Mats 2.30.

ROYAL COURT UPSTAIRS 730 2554. From Ton't. National Theatre education presents APART FROM GEORGE written and Dir. by Nick Ward. Eves 8.00, Sat Mat 4.00.

ROYALTY 01 831 0660 CC 01 240 7200 (bkg fee) Opens 24 Nov until Jan 30. Perfs 10.30, 2 pm, 6.30 pm. Check Box Office for details - Now booking WINNIE THE POOH by AA Milne. Not suitable for children under 4 years old

ROYALTY WC2 01 831 0660 CC 01 240 7200 (No bkg fee) Eves 8.00, Sat 5.00 & 8.00, Wed Mat 3.00 until Nov 21 ROYALTY THEATRE CO PETER BLYTHE, JUDY CAMPBELL, PAUL DANEMAN, DULCIE GRAY, ANNIE LEON, JENNIE LINDEN, KATHARINE SCHLESINGER IN GRAHAM GREENE'S THE LIVING ROOM Directed by BRYAN FORBES

SADLERS WELLS please see Opera and Ballet Section.

SAVOY THEATRE 836 8888. CC & Groups 379 6219, 836 0479/741 9999. First Call 240 7200 (bkg fee). Group Sales 930 6123 CHARLTON HESTON GWEN WATFORD EDUARDO WHITROW and ROY KINNEAR In the Chichester Festival Theatre production of A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS BY ROBERT BOLT DIRECTED BY FRANK HAUSER Eves 7.30, Mats Wed & Sats 2.30

STRAND 836 2660 cc 836 4143/5190 1st Call 24hr 240 7200 (bkg fee) Grps 930 6123 BARRY HUMPHRIES in BACK WITH A VENGEANCE! Mon-Fri 7.30 Sat 2.30 & 8 Red price prevs Nov 10-Nov 14 OPENS NOV 17

SHAFTESBURY THEATRE 379 5399 24hr cc 379 4444/ 240 7200/ 741 9999 DIANA RIGG JULIA McKENZIE DANIEL MASSEY DAVID HEALY & DOLORES GRAY FOLLIES The Sondheim/Goldman Musical "A TRULY FANTASTIC EVENING" FT Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 APPLY DAILY FOR RETURNS Box Office Phones Open 9am-9pm (No bkg fee). Discounts available for Groups for Wed Mats

ST MARTIN'S 01-836 1443. Special CC No. 379 4444. Evgs 8.0 Tues 2.45, Sat 5.0 and 8.0 35TH YEAR OF AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MOUSETRAP

STRATFORD UPON AVON (0789) 295623. ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY at RST. No Perfs Tomor. Measure for Measure Opens Thurs and Nightly 7.30. Mat Sat 1.30. Swan Theatre The New Inn Opens Tomor and Nightly 7.30. Nightly. Stop - Over Meal/ticket package (0789) 414999.

VAUDEVILLE Box Office & CC 836 9987/5645 First Call CC 24 Hrs 240 7200 (bkg fee) Open All Hours 379 4444 (bkg fee) CCTB 741 9999 (No Bkg Fee) Grp Sales 930 6123 Air Conditioned GEOFFREY HUTCHINGS TOYAH WILLCOX in The National Theatre Production of THREE MEN ON A HORSE Directed by Jonathan Lynn "Utterly hilarious" S Times "A Great Night Out" Sun Exp. "An Out-and-out winner" Times. Evgs 8.00 Mats Wed 3.00 Sats 5.00 & 8.30 OVER 150 PERFORMANCES

VAUDEVILLE 836 9987 CC 836 5645 240 7200/379 4444/741 9999 THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS Twice daily from Dec 9

VICTORIA PALACE Box Office & cc 834 1317/828 4735 cc 741 9999 379 4444 First Call cc 240 7200 24hr 7 day Grp Sales 930 6123 "A WONDERFUL EVENING OUT... I'M HIGH ON HIGH SOCIETY" S.Times PATRICK RYECART ANGELA RICHARDS STEVEN PACEY JULIE OSBURN HIGH SOCIETY Directed by Richard Eyre "PURE MAGIC" D.Exp Mon-Fri 7.45 Wed Mat 3 Sat 4.45 & 8.15 NOW BOOKING TO JAN 16

WESTMINSTER 01 834 0283/4 CC 834 0048/240 7200 (bkg fee) Another magical journey into Narnia - From 11 November THE LION, THE WITCH & THE WARDROBE From 23 December: THE VOYAGE OF THE DAWN TREADER

WHITEHALL off Trafalgar Sq. 01 930 7765 CC 379 6565/379 4444 /741 9999/240 7200 (bkg fee) Mon - Fri 8 pm, Wed mat 3.00, Sat 5 & 8.15 HINGE & BRACKET In Oscar Wilde's THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST Directed and adapted by Lou Stein

WYNDHAM'S cc 379 6565/4444 (no bkg fee) Open All Hours/741 9999/1st Call 24hr (bkg fee) 240 7200 Box Office 836 3028. Grps 836 3962 Royal Court production of Caryl Churchill's SERIOUS MONEY "PURE GENIUS" Tel SERIOUS MONEY "WICKEDLY ACCURATE" T.L.S. SERIOUS MONEY "FURIOUSLY FUNNY" C.L. dir by Max Stafford-Clark Mon to Thu 8.0. Fri 5.0 & 8.15. Sat 4.0 & 8.15

ART GALLERIES

AGNEW GALLERY, 74 South Audley Street, London, W1. 01 629 2280. Bird and Landscape watercolours by Peter Hayman SWLA who illustrated 'Shorebirds', voted Best British Bird Book 1986. Until 7 November 10-5 daily. Watercolours £95 to £650.

CONTEMPORARY ART SOCIETY MARKET, Smith's Galleries 33 Shelton Street, Covent Garden WC2. 4-7 Nov. 11 - 8pm daily. 700 works by living artists for sale between £70 and £700. Sponsored by Sainsbury's, with support from Smith's Galleries.

CRANE KALMAN GALLERY 178 Brompton Rd, SW3. 01-584 7566. A Centenary Tribute to L.S. LOWRY, R.A. (1887-1976). Exhibition of 40 outstanding paintings 29 Oct-29 Nov. Mon-Fri, 10-6, Sat 10-4.

FISCHER FINE ART 30 King St. St. James's, SW1. 839 3942. POTS by Leach, Coper, Rie & Fritsch. Also Classical Modern & Contemporary Watercolours & Drawings - Klimt, Schiele, Kokoschka and Dorflinger, Kitaj, Hockney, Whiteley, etc. Until 6 Nov. Mon-Fri 10-5.30, Sats 10-12.30.

JPL FINE ARTS, 26 Davies Street, W1Y 1LH. Tel: 01-493 2630. PIERRE BONNARD - Drawings. Landscapes, seascapes and exterior subjects. Catalogue available. 22nd Sept - 6th Nov.

MILDRED BENDALL (1891-1977), associate of Matisse. Exhibition until November 27th. Whitford & Hughes, 6 Duke Street, St James's, SW1. Tel: 930 9332 (Mon-Fri 10 to 6pm)

SCHUSTER GALLERY 14 Maddox St, London W1. Ornamental Interiors in Antique Prints, 3-21 Nov M-F 10-5.30, Sat 10-1. Tel: 01-491 2208.

CINEMAS

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 499 3737. Yves Montand & Gerard Depardieu in JEAN DE FLORETTE (PG) Film at 1.15 (not Sun) 3.30 6.00 8.30. "Most compelling film in London" D.Tel. "Hugely enjoyable" Std. From Nov 20 MANON DES SOURCES (PG).

CURZON PHOENIX Charing Cross Rd 240 9661 Fellini's LA DOLCE VITA (18) Film at 1.00 (not Sun) 4.15. 7.40.

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 439 4805. Dennis Hopper in RIVER'S EDGE (18) Film at 2.00 (not sun) 4.10 6.20 8.40 "Don't miss" D. Mail "Utterly riveting" D.Tel.

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE 930 5252 (Enq)/930 7615 (24 hr Access/ Visa/ AmEx Bookings) A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET PART 3: DREAM WARRIORS (18) Sep progs Daily 1.30 3.50 6.20 8.50. All progs bookable in advance.

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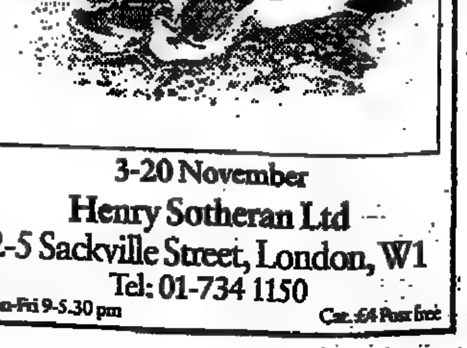

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.35 Leon Errol in Sweet Cheat (b/w). **6.55** Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**. Regional news and weather at **8.55**.
9.00 News and weather followed by Neighbours (r).
9.20 CBI Conference 1987. Live coverage from Glasgow includes the address by the Confederation of British Industry's president-elect, Sir Trevor Holdsworth. Commentators are Nick Clarke and James Long. Includes news and weather at **10.00**.
10.25 Children's BBC. Andy Crane with programme news and birthday greetings followed by Play School and King Rollo (r). **10.55** Five to Eleven with the pupils of Strand on the Green Junior School.
11.00 News and weather followed by CBI Conference 1987. Final session includes a debate on City and Industry, plus the closing address from Sir David Nickson, the CBI's current president. Includes news and weather at **12.00**.
12.30 Daytime Live. Magazine programme presented by Pamela Armstrong, Alan Titchmarsh and Ross Davidson. Guests are singer David Grant and wine writer Alice King. Plus Floella Benjamin with advice for young mothers. **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. **1.30** Neighbours. **1.50** Going for Gold. European general knowledge quiz presented by Henry Kelly.
2.15 Knots Landing. Abby hears some interesting news; and Diana and Karen clash.
3.00 Valerie. American comedy series starring Valerie Harper.
3.25 The Clothes Show. Fashion programme presented by Selina Scott reviews Claude Montana's new collection.
3.50 Henry's Cat (r). **4.10** Sebastian, the Incredible Drawing Dog (r). **4.15** Beat The Teacher. Quiz game with Bruno Brookes. **4.30** Making Simon and the Witch. Behind the scenes of a new children's serial. **4.35** Record Breakers. With Cheryl Baker. **5.00** Newsround with Roger Finn, Helen Rollason and John Craven. **5.10** Grange Hill. Episode 11 (r) (Ceefax).
5.35 Mastermind 87 presented by Angela Rippon.
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather. **6.30** London Plus.
7.00 No Place Like Home. Another domestic crisis with the Crabtrees (r) (Ceefax).
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax).
8.00 Last of the Summer Wine. Compo and Clegg think Seymour's invention is a load of rubbish (r) (Ceefax).
8.30 The Lenny Henry Show. Delbert and Julie become involved in Green Party activity after Alex buys some dubious lamb (Ceefax) (see Choice).
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Debbie Thrower. Includes regional news and weather.
9.30 Film: After Pilkington (1986). Made for television black comedy starring Bob Peck and Miranda Richardson. An Oxford don's quiet life is overturned when he bumps into his childhood sweetheart and becomes involved in intrigue and murder (r) (Ceefax)
11.10 Championship Bowls. David Icke introduces coverage of this evening's matches in the UK Indoor Singles Bowls Championship from Preston.
12.10 Weather.

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax **9.30** Going for Gold (r). **9.52** Daytime on Two: Art that reflects a community's atmosphere **10.15** Part 6 of a ghost story for 7 to 9-year olds **10.35** Measurement in science **11.00** Puppets **11.18** Wondermaths **11.35** Mathematical Investigations **12.00** Statistics **12.20** Textile Studies **12.50** Micro File 2. **1.20** Check-a-Block with Fred Harris (r). **1.38** Communications
2.00 News and weather, followed by You and Me (r).
2.15 Championship Bowls. Coverage of the start of the second round of the UK Indoor Singles Bowls Championship from Preston. Introduced by David Icke with commentators David Rhys Jones and Jimmy Davidson. Includes news and weather at **3.00** and **3.50**.
5.30 Film 87 (r).
6.00 No Limits. Rock music show presented by Jenny Powell and Tony Baker.
7.00 Open to Question. David Montgomery, former *News of the World* editor, now editing *Today*, puts forward his views of tabloid journalism to an audience of young people.
7.35 Rockschool. Series on making music in a modern rock band examines synth pop and how to sing. With rare concert footage of James Brown.
8.00 Food and Drink. How to make a perfect cup of coffee; and recipes for autumn fruits.
8.30 Brass Tacks. Roisin McAuley reports on the extraordinary mistakes that cause 70 per cent of road accidents in Britain.
9.00 Entertainment USA. In the first of the new series Jonathan King visits the most remote city of America – Anchorage.
9.50 Footsteps: The Wonders of Ellora. David Drew traces the journey of John Seely, a young army officer who in 1810 crossed western India on horseback to visit the spectacular, rock-cut temples of Ellora (Ceefax)
10.25 Sing Country. Jerry Lee Lewis's Wembley concert.
10.50 Newsnight with Peter Snow, Donald MacCormick and Adam Raphael.
11.38 Weatherview.

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am introduced by Kay Burley and Mike Morris.
7.00 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. Includes news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**. After Nine includes a dream come true for a spina bifida victim.
9.25 Thames News Headlines.
9.30 Runway. Travel quiz with Chris Serle.
10.00 Santa Barbara. American soap series. **10.25** News Headlines.
10.30 The Time . . . The Place. Mike Scott discusses fitness with comedian Lenny Bennett, former Olympic medallist Donna Hartley and Mr Universe.
11.10 Rainbow **11.25** Thames News Headlines.
11.30 About Britain. The work of artist John Hamilton who has spent 12 years recreating every World War Two naval battle.
12.00 Jimmy's. Another visit to St James's University Hospital, Leeds.
12.30 News **12.50** Thames News.
1.00 Reilly – Ace of Spies. Reilly's plans to overthrow Lenin go wrong; and in Petrograd the Cheka storm the British Embassy (r) (Oracle).
2.00 Cross Wits. Game show presented by Tom O'Connor. With guests Nerys Hughes and Richard Stilgoe.
3.30 Jacob Robinson Meets . . . David Sullivan, publisher of *Sunday Sport*, who made his fortune with girlie magazines and sex shops.
3.00 Recollections. Mary Parkinson talks to actress, singer and former Princess of Punk, Toyah Wilcox.
3.25 Thames News headlines.
3.30 The Young Doctors.
4.00 Children's ITV presented by Gary Terzza and Debbie Shore. Rainbow. **4.15** The Adventures of Tintin **4.25** Emu's New World. Chaos and comedy with Rod Hull and Emu **5.15** Blockbusters.
5.45 News (Oracle).
6.00 Thames News.
6.30 The Roxy. Pop music programme presented by David Jensen and Kevin Sharkey
7.00 Emmerdale Farm.
7.30 Reporting London.
8.00 All at No 20. Candy turns out to be a person with a history. Starring Maureen Lipman, Carol Hawkins and Lisa Jacobs.
8.30 Benny Hill.
9.00 Boon. Ken takes on a new staff member. Starring Michael Elphick (Oracle).
10.00 News at Ten, followed by Thames News headlines.
10.30 First Tuesday. A report on the problems faced by handicapped children in local authority care and the efforts by Parents For Children to find them homes. Plus a feature on how Hull's former fishing community have coped since Britain lost the Cod War in 1976.
11.30 Seconds Out Tony Francis presents boxing from York Hall, Bethnal Green. Three bouts include Brian Schumacher v Blaine Logsdon in an eliminator for the British Light Heavyweight title.
12.30 Film: Fear Eats the Soul (1973) Rainer Werner Fassbinder's portrait of the problems encountered by a middle-aged German cleaning woman and a young migrant Arab worker when they embark on an affair. With Brigitte Mira and El Hedi Ben Salem. English subtitles.
2.05 Nashville Swing. Country music with Larry Gatlin.
2.30 News, followed by Three's Company. American comedy series.
3.00 Film: Passions (1984). Made for television drama starring Joanne Woodward as a widow who only discovers her husband's infidelity on his death. With Lindsay Wagner as the mistress. Directed by Sandor Stern.
5.00 ITN World News. **5.30** CNN Headline News. Ends at **6.00**.

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools.
12.00 Business Daily. Business and financial news service presented by Susannah Simons.
12.30 Just 4 Fun. For the very young.
1.00 Autocare. Today's edition examines design evolution, discovers how the internal combustion engine works and how to build a kit car (Oracle).
1.30 Make It Count (Oracle) (r).
2.00 Their Lordships' House (r).
2.15 Film: Pack Up Your Troubles (1939) (b/w). The Ritz Brothers find themselves on the losing side in France during the First World War in this remake of a Laurel and Hardy comedy. Directed by H Bruce Humberstone.
3.35 Magoo Breaks Par. Cartoon.
3.45 Years Ahead. Magazine programme for the older viewer, presented by Robert Dougall. This week some elderly West Indians go back to their roots for the first time since emigrating to England.
4.30 Countdown. Bais Appedoo is the challenger and Russell Harty is in Dictionary Corner.
5.00 Bewitched.
5.30 Kids Kafe. Recipes cooked by children for children.
6.00 Pieced Pictures. Tradition and Change. First of three programmes about the art of quilting features Pauline Burbidge.
6.30 CBI Conference. Reports on the day's debates from Glasgow.
7.00 Channel 4 News (Oracle).
7.50 Comment. Another personal view, followed by Weather.
8.00 Brookside. There are fireworks in the Merseyside cul-de-sac (Oracle).
8.30 4 What It's Worth reports on Alzheimer's Disease, the main cause of senile dementia.
9.00 Apartheid: Divisions. Third in a four-part documentary series tracing the history of apartheid in South Africa.
10.00 American Football. Highlights of this week's games.
11.15 Just for Laughs. Highlights from the Montreal International Comedy Festival include Henry Youngman and Steven Wright.
11.45 Reggie. American version of the Reginald Perrin comedy series.
12.15 Their Lordships' House. Ends at **12.30**.

Likely lad of Brixton

TELEVISION CHOICE

● Lenny Henry reminds us how few black entertainers in this country get even remotely close to the mainstream (Charlie Williams, Kenny Lynch) compared with America where *Bill Cosby* is the highest-paid person in show business, followed not too far behind by Eddie Murphy. The Lenny Henry Show (BBC1, 8.30pm) develops one of the characters from Henry's stand-up routine, one Delbert Wilkins, Brixton's answer to a likely lad. Henry's decision to develop a sit-com is a calculated risk, given his talent for multiple impersonation, although a dramatic role in the recent BBC film *Coast to Coast* showed him capable of sustained acting. *Coast to Coast* was written by Stan Hey who has also written this series with his usual collaborator Andrew Nickolds (*Agony, Hold the Back Page, Blat*). Delbert Wilkins – majoring in cool but usually missing the mark – is a disc jockey for a pirate radio station that operates from the back of a greasy kebab shop (Hey was formerly restaurant critic on *The Times*). Beneath an easy-going, joshing surface, the tone is sometimes quite sharp, with wariness being displayed in particular towards any form of authority. Tonight's episode involves a consignment of lamb, possibly contaminated by nuclear waste. The strictly South London atmosphere makes the show a sort of companion piece to *Minder*, which also pokes fun at ersatz street credibility. As yet, it lacks Terry's and Arthur's double-act (most of the best sit-com have one: Basil and Sybil, Steptoe and Son, the Likely Lads, etc) although Delbert's hopeless assistant, Winston, (seen trying to install a payphone in Del's motor) looks as if he is being groomed for the role.

Chris Petit

Lenny Henry as pirate radio disc jockey Delbert Wilkins in The Lenny Henry Show: on BBC1, 8.30pm

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight
5.30am Adrian John **7.00** *Mike Smith's Breakfast Show* **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Janice Long **10.00-12.00** John Peel.
VHF Stereo Ranges 1 and 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour. Sports Desks **6.31am, 7.31, 8.31, 12.02pm, 1.05, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 6.02, 6.45** (mw), **9.55**
4.00am Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **8.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn (with his special guest, the Duchess of York)
7.00 Jazz Classics in Stereo. (18) Black and White Rag **7.30** Radio Orchestra Show **9.00** Sing! (Joe Raposo) **10.00** Tunes The Backers Whistled **10.30** Back To Square One **11.00** Round Midnight **1.00** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All times are given in GMT
6.00am Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin **7.00** News **7.09** 24 Hours **7.30** A Future For The Past **7.45** Network UK **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Tech Talk **8.30** Soli at 75 **9.00** News **9.09** Review of British Press **9.15** World Today **9.30** Financial News followed by Sports Roundup **9.45** Music for a While **10.00** News **10.01** Discovery **10.30** Sports International **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Waveguide **11.25** Book Choice **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15 pm** Multitrack 1 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** 24 Hours **1.30** Network UK **1.45** Recording of the Week **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Musical World **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** Jolly Good Show **4.00** World News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** Omnibus **4.45** World Today **5.00** News **5.09** Letter From Scotland **5.15** English By Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Heute Aktuell **8.00** News **8.09** 24 Hours **8.30** Meridian **9.00** News **9.01** Natural Selection **9.10** Book Choice **9.15** From The Proms **10.00** News **10.09** World Today **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Best of British **11.30** One Step At A Time **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Omnibus **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Report on Religion **1.45** Country Style **2.00** News **2.09** Review of British Press **2.15** A-Z of Hollywood **2.30** Citizens **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** World Today **3.30** Discovery **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Six Four Eight **4.35** Financial News **4.45** Morgenmagazin **5.45** World Today.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather **7.00** News
7.05 Morning Concert: Locke (Music for his Majesty's Sackbutts and Cornetts, 1611: London Cornett and Sackbutt Ensemble). Blow (God spake sometime in visions: Choir and Orchestra of Westminster Abbey, under Simon Preston). Franz Benda (Flute Concerto in A minor: Andras Adorjan, with Ars Rediviva Ensemble of Prague under Milan Munclinger). Biber (Sonata No 1 in C for trumpets, strings, timpani and continuo: Parley of Instruments, under Goodman and Holman)
8.00 News bulletin
8.05 Morning Concert contd: Bach (Concerto in A, BWV 1055: Vienna Concentus Musicus under Nikolaus Harnoncourt, with Jurg Schaeftlein, oboe d'amore). Monteverdi (Confitebor tibi Domine: Les Arts Florissants, with Jill Feldman, soprano). Boccherini (Quintet in E flat, Op 45 No 5: Sarah Francis, oboe, with Allegri String Quartet). Bruch (Romance in A minor, Op 42: Salvatore Accardo, violin, with Leipzig Gewandhaus)
9.00 World Service News
9.10 This Week's Composer: Manuel de Falla. Siete canciones populares (Maria Barrientos, soprano, with the composer on the piano). Act 1 of La Vida breve (LSO, Ambrosian Opera Chorus, with soloists Teresa Berganza, Alicia Nafé, José Carreras, and Juan Pons)
10.00 Handel Chamber Music: Michel Piguet (recorder/oboe), Charles Medlam (cello), and John Toll (harpsichord) play the Sonata in A minor for treble recorder and continuo; Sonata in F for oboe and continuo; and Sonata in F, for recorder and continuo
10.30 Alceo Galliera Conducts: the Philharmonia play Mascagni's overture *Le maschere*; Borodin's Symphony No 1; and Ravel's Daphnis and Chloé, Suite No 2
11.25 Newbury Spring Festival 1987: Ko Iwasaki (cello), Shuku Iwasaki (piano). Squire's Bourrée, Op 24; Beethoven's Variations on See the conq'ring hero comes; Webern's Two pieces, 1899 and Three little pieces, Op 11; Fuji's Mildly paraphrase; and Popper's Spanish Dance No 5, Op 54
12.00 Concert: BBC Scottish SO under Ronald Zollman, with Bernard Roberts (piano). Part one. Haydn (Symphony No 103), and Mozart's Piano Concerto No 15 **1.00** News
1.05 Concert (contd): Peter Sculthorpe (Sun Music II). Shostakowich (Symphony No 9)
1.45 Guitar encores: Leo Wrtoszynskij plays works by Jacques de Saint Luc Jnr (including La Prince de Lobkowitz ballet music, and *Le Bal de Malgruben*). Gareth Walters's Jigges and fancies Nos 2 and 3; and Muthspiel's Drei Tonspiele
2.15 London Fortepiano Trio play Mozart's Trio in G, K 496
2.45 Albany SO, under Julius Hegyi. John Knowles Pain's Symphony No 1, Horatio Parker's Northern ballad, and George Whitefield Chadwick's Symphony No 2
4.20 Debut: Caroline Palmer and Alan Gravill (pianos) make their Radio 3 debut in Schubert's Marche militaire No 1, Grand march No 2, and Marche caracteristique No 2. Also Ravel's Mother Goose suite
5.00 World Service News
5.10 Mainly for Pleasure: recorded music selection, presented by Natalie Wheen **6.55** News
7.00 Atys: Paris Opéra production of Lully's tragédie in prologue and five acts. Sung in French. Les Arts Florissants Chorus and Orchestra under William Christie, with soloists including Guy De Mey (title role), Jacques Bona, Francoise Semellaz, Jean-Francois Gardeil, Jean-Paul Fouchecourt and Arlette Steyer. Interval talks or interviews at **8.00**, and **9.15**. Acts 2 and 3begin at **8.10**, and acts 4 and 5 at **9.25**
10.30 Loss: memories of a marriage, by Carol Ann Duffy. With Barbara Leigh-Hunt as the widow, and the voices of Nigel Caliburn and David Michaels (r)
11.05 First Night: The Kabuki Theatre Company of Ichikawa Ennosuke III production of The Thousand Cherries of Yoshitsuna at Sadler's Wells, London, is reviewed by Philip Brady
11.15 South Bank Electric Weekend: Brian Ferneyhough's Time and Motion Study III for 16 solo voices, percussion and tape. With London Sinfonietta Voices
11.38 Haydn: Linda Nicholson (fortepiano) plays Variations in F minor, H XVII16
11.57 News **12.00** Closedown

Maureen Lipman and Lisa Jacobs: ITV, 8.00pm

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 So You Think You Know 9.30-10.00 Week In, Week Out 10.00-11.40 After Pilkington 11.40-12.10am Star-Spangled Rugby 12.10-12.40 Championship Bowls 12.40-12.45 News and weather SCOTLAND 10.00am-11.00 Dotsman 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland 8.00-8.30 City Light's 8.30-9.00 Superscot NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 Mastermind 87 12.10am-12.15 News and weather ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines

BBC2 WALES 6.30-6.55am Mastermind 3.00pm-3.50 Star-Spangled Rugby

ANGLIA As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm 6.00 About Anglia 6.35 Crossroads 7.00 Only When I Laugh 7.30-8.00 The Roxy 12.30am America's Top Ten 1.00 Film: Blondie Goes to College 5.00 Farming Diary 5.30 Survival 6.00 Closedown

BORDER As London except:12.00pm-1.00 News 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 5.00 Lookaround 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 7.30-8.00 The Roxy 11.30 Fight Night 12.30am Closedown

CENTRAL As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00-6.30 News 7.30-8.00 ALF 11.30 Fight Night 12.30am America's Top Ten 1.00 Film: Carrie 2.55 Contact 3.20 News, Jobfinder

CHANNEL As London except:12.30pm News 1.00 Questions 1.30 Country Practice 2.00 The Sullivans 2.25-2.30 Emergency 999 3.00 Ask No Questions 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.30 Emmerdale Farm 7.00 Frocks on the Box 7.30 The Roxy 11.30 Journey to the Unknown 12.30am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm 6.00 North Tonight 6.35 Crossroads 7.00 Take the High Road 7.30-8.00 The Roxy 11.30 Fight Night 12.30am News, Closedown

GRANADA As London except:12.50pm-1.00 Granada Reports 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Granada Reports 6.25-6.30 This is Your Right 11.30 Fight Night 12.30am Closedown

HTV WEST As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 6.00 News 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 7.30-8.00 The Roxy 12.30am Closedown

HTV WALES As HTV West except:6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six

SCOTTISH As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm 6.00 Scotland Today 6.35 Crossroads 7.00 Take the High Road 7.30-8.00 The Roxy 11.30 Fight Night 12.30am Late Call, Closedown

TSW As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 5.15-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Today 6.30 Tuesday View 7.00 The Roxy 7.30-8.00 9 to 5 11.30 Postscript Diary 11.35 Heart of the City 12.31am Closedown

TVS As London except:12.50pm News 1.00 Questions 1.30 Country Practice 2.00 The Sullivans 2.25-2.30 Emergency 999 3.00 Ask No Questions 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30 Emmerdale Farm 7.00 Frocks on the Box 7.30-8.00 The Roxy 11.30 Journey to the Unknown 12.30am Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 6.00-6.30 Northern Life 7.30-8.00 Easy Street 11.30 Fight Night 12.30am Aspects of Forgiveness, Closedown

ULSTER As London except:12.50pm-1.00 Newstime 3.30-4.00 Survival 6.00 Six Tonight 6.20 Preview 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 7.30-8.00 The Roxy 11.30 Fight Night 12.25am Newstime, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 3.30-4.00 Country Practice 6.00 Calendar 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 7.30-8.00 The Roxy 11.30 Fight Night 12.30am Jobfinder 1.30 Closedown.

S4C Starts:9.30am Schools 12.30pm Countdown 1.00 Open College 2.00 Dream That Kicks 2.30 Village Show 3.10 Rygbi 4.00 Fflalabalam 4.15 Rebecca 4.20 Hafoc 4.55 Wil Cwac Cwac 5.00 Bewitched 5.30 Education Extra 6.00 Brookside 6.30 Working It Out 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Ar Y Ffordd 8.00 Lou Grant 9.00 Dihirod Dyfed 9.45 Arwyddion Ffyrdd 10.15 Rygbi 10.45 Two Track Mind 11.30 CBI Conference Report 12.00 Closed.

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast **6.00** News briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer (s)
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.20** Your Letters **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Call Nick Ross: 01-580 4411
10.00 News; Medicine Now: Geoff Watts reports on the health of medical care
10.30 Morning Story: Like Mother, Like Daughter, by Barbara Roberts. The reader is Ann Rye
10.45 Daily Service (New Every Morning, page 25) (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Citizens (another episode of the drama serial,set in suburban London)
11.23 From our own Correspondent
11.50 Tales from the Loch: Bruce Sandison talks of fishing, wildlife and history with Christopher Lowell
12.00 News; You and Yours: presented by Susan Rae
12.25 Round Britain Quiz: Irene Thomas and Eric Korn challenge Jack Jones and Bill Russell. Gordon Clough and Louis Allen preside
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World At One
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: presented by Jenni Murray. Includes a discussion on the working of the mind. With Baroness Warnock, and Richard Gregory, Professor of Neuropsychology at University of Bristol. Plus Robert Powell reading from E.M. Forster's Where Angels Fear to Tread
3.00 News; Play: Miss Lamb To The Slaughter, by Jennifer Phillips. With Tessa Worsley as the divorced woman who shares an office with two younger girls who have more luck with men than she has (s)
3.02 Companing Notes: Richard Baker invites musicians to talk about themselves and the music profession. This week, he talks to the celebrated singer Elisabeth Schwarzkopf
4.00 News
4.05 In Business [new series]: The weekly business magazine returns with presenter David Lomax
4.30 Kaleidoscope: includes items on Dan Kavanagh's book Going to the Dogs; No More A-Roving, at the Richmond Orange Tree; and the Cleveland Print Biennale (r)
5.00pm PM **5.50** Shipping
6.00 News, incl Financial Report
6.30 After Henry: Bittersweet comedy series about three generations of women in the same family. With Prunella Scales, Jean Sanderson, Gerry Cowper, and Benjamin Whitrow (s)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4: First of three special reports which examine the changes Mikhail Gorbachev is making in the Soviet Union and how they will affect the whole of Soviet Society. Presented by Gordon Clough (World this Weekend) and Bridget Kendall (of the BBC World Service)
8.00 The Radio Programme: An addict's guide to good listening, presented by Laurie Taylor. Includes discussion on Medicine Now (see Choice) (r)
8.30 Lawyers in Action: A two-part journey into the closeted world of solicitors and barristers (1) Solicitors
9.15 In Touch: Magazine for the visually handicapped
9.45 Kaleidoscope: items include Roger Berthoud's book The Life of Henry Moore; the film Playing Away; and category winners of the Whitbread literary prize. The presenter is Michael Berkeley
10.15 A Book At Bedtime: The Child In Time (second instalment). The reader is Norman Jones (2)
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News; Weather
VHF as above except: **11.00am-12.00** For Schools. **11.00** Time and Tune **11.20** Time to Move **11.40** Pictures in Your Mind (stories) **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools. **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** History Lost and Found **2.25** Mainstream GCSE **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night-Time. 20th-Century Witness. **12.30** The General Strike **12.35** The Motor Car

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1:1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m:VHF-90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz/1500m: VHF-92-95; LBC:1152kHz/261m: VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m: VHF95.8; BBC Radio London: 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; World Service: MF 648kHz/463m.

RADIO CHOICE

Laurie Taylor: R4, 8.00pm

● A sort of *Did You Hear?* to set against television's *Did You See?*. The Radio Programme (repeated on Radio 4, 8.00pm) is badly served by its declared terms of reference: an addict's guide to good listening. Who says the listening is good? Certainly not the expert panel (not a radio critic in sight) who tonight maul the thrust of *Medicine Now*, but, wisely, not its presenter Geoff Watts. And to brand listeners as addicts is to devalue both them and the intelligent standard which, thanks mainly to the anchor work of its front man Laurie Taylor, *The Radio Programme* has set itself. Another grouse I have about tonight's edition is that, although hard-pressed to do all its topics full justice in a miserly 30 minutes, it wastes a tenth of that time on a young lad's football commentary which, in any case, is ineligible as an entry in the two-minute tape competition the programme is running for some reason I fail to understand. Far better, I should have thought, to have added to Christopher Bigsby's fascinating account of the discovery of Arthur Miller's forgotten play *The Golden Years* (Radio 3, next Friday night) with a flavour of the delights in store for us.

Peter Davalle

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Zhao takes the helm as old guard step down

From Mary Dejevsky, Peking

Mr Zhao Ziyang yesterday became the formal leader of the Chinese Communist Party when he was confirmed as General Secretary by the newly-elected Central Committee. He said he would be resigning from the premiership as soon as possible.

Four senior members of the leadership were promoted to join him on the party's Standing Committee, and all five later met journalists in an unprecedented public relations exercise.

Mr Deng Xiaoping, who on Sunday left the Central Committee with most of the other old revolutionaries, retained his chairmanship of the party's Military Commission. Mr Zhao was named deputy chairman, demonstrating conclusively that he is now to be regarded as Mr Deng's successor.

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Other appointments announced after yesterday's Central Committee plenum included seven new members of the Politburo, to replace the nine who retired on Sunday, and four members of a new and much smaller Secretariat.

Mr Hu Yaobang, removed as General Secretary last January, unexpectedly kept his place in the Politburo.

The new members of the Standing Committee, who become the next most powerful men in China after Mr Zhao, include Mr Li Peng, aged 59, a Soviet-trained engineer; Mr Hu Qili, aged 58, whose background is in party work and ideology; and Mr Qiao Shi, aged 63, a legal specialist with a security background. All three were members of the previous Central Committee Secretariat and had been tipped for further promotion.

The fifth member is Mr Yao Yilin who, at 70, is the oldest on the Standing Committee. He is director of the State Planning Commission, and regarded as a traditional central planner. His inclusion leaves the Standing Committee nicely balanced, but just tilted in a gently reformist direction.

The new Politburo, which has three fewer members than its predecessor, includes Mr Li Tieying, thought of as an enthusiast for economic reform; and Mr Li Ruihuan, a successful and innovative leader of the party in the industrial city of Tianjin. Miss Chen Muhua, who is chairman of China's State Bank lost her alternate (non-voting) membership.

The Secretariat, which was appointed by the Standing Committee under the new rules, rather than elected by the full Central Committee, includes two Standing Committee members – Mr Hu Qili and Mr Qiao Shi – who must now be seen as Mr Zhao's deputies in the party leadership, and two newcomers, Mr Rui Xingwen and Mr Yang Mingfu. Mr Qiao was also named chairman of the party's influential Discipline Inspection Commission.

The last of the veteran revolutionaries to hold on to his position, Mr Yang Shangkun, stayed on the Politburo and on the Military Commission. His authority there has been reduced, however, by the appointment of Mr Zhao to the new post of deputy chairman.

Mr Zhao, aged 68, yesterday retracted the statement of a party spokesman last week, and said that he would be resigning his post as state premier very soon. He is expected to offer his resignation to the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress – China's equivalent of a parliament – when it next meets.

He said that he had chosen an acting premier, but would only say that his choice was younger than he was. This rules out one of the favoured candidates, Mr Wan Li, who is three years older.

Unless he goes outside the top leadership, it seems probable that his choice has fallen on Mr Li Peng, who has been widely canvassed as the next premier. He is the only younger member of the top leadership group not to have responsibilities outside the Standing Committee.

Mr Chen Yun, who, at 82, is thought to have resisted retirement, was made a chairman of the Central Advisory Commission.

Mr Hu Yaobang: Keeps Politburo place.

Mr Zhao Ziyang: Now fully in control.

Coaster yields up its weapons

A French customs officer at Brest yesterday holding up one of the Kalashnikov automatic rifles found on the Eksund.

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was completed under tight security yesterday in Brest's naval dockyard; while in Malta, informed sources told *The Times* that the arms, apparently from Libya and destined for the IRA, had been loaded in Maltese waters.

In Dublin, police were conducting checks into a batch of stolen Irish passports in an attempt to establish a definite IRA link; the passport serial numbers of two of the Eksund's crew were coming in for particular scrutiny.

The full crew were named by the Irish police yesterday, who confirmed that the master was Mr Hopkins, a 49-year-old former package tour operator and merchant navy radio operator, and that with him was Mr Henry Cairns, a bookshop owner. Both men come from Co Wicklow.

The three other crewmen were named as Mr William Finn, aged 43, from Co Mayo, Mr Denis Boyle, aged 42, and Mr Edward Friel, aged 34, both from Co Donegal.

Mrs Stephanie Hopkins, the wife of the captain, said yesterday that she was still shocked and speechless at the news of her husband's arrest. She said she could not imagine her husband wishing to be on board a vessel carrying such a large amount of arms.

Describing her husband as "straight and solid", she said that he would not have put his own life or that of his crew at risk.

Mrs Hopkins insisted that her husband had no connection with any subversive organization

Brooke is new Tory chairman

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over today and his first task will be to draw up his own blueprint for an overhaul of the party machine.

Mrs Thatcher is known to believe that Mr Tebbit's planned reforms do not go far enough and she will expect Mr Brooke, MP for the City of London and Westminster South, to adopt a more radical approach.

As a former head of an international management consultancy, he appears to be well placed to modernize the managerial structure at Central Office, bringing in a chief executive and a director of communications to give Tory headquarters greater efficiency and political bite.

Mr Brooke will attend Cabinet meetings but will not be a Cabinet member – an arrangement that raises the spectre of Mr John Gummer's unhappy period as chairman before Mr Tebbit's appointment.

Commons sketch

Male guilt and artistic discord

"Nine female artists have been exhibited at the Tate Gallery since 1910, compared with 200 male artists, stormed Mrs Ann Clwyd (Labour, Cynon Valley). These sorts of statistic, coming from female colleagues, fuss the men on the Labour benches.

They are duty bound to come up with something even more devastating in its unfairness to women, both as a proof of their solidarity and as a confession of their collective male guilt.

Mr Mark Fisher, Opposition spokesman on the arts, had an awful statistic to announce to the House. The Hayward Gallery had never given an exhibition to a woman at all.

Those in the Press Gallery, professionally attracted to scenes of devastation, horror and mental imbalance, recalled with indignation the 1975 exhibition of Ms Diane Arbus's photographs at the Hayward Gallery. Men with spotty faces and manic grins, women with unkempt hair and desperate eyes, married couples in horrible discord, all were pictured in unforgiving black-and-white.

If Ms Arbus were still alive, many felt, she would be just the person to instigate illustrative snapshots in the somewhat wordy pages of Hansard.

Making amends for their ignorance of a woman so close to their souls, members on all sides became unconscious Living Exhibits in an impromptu Diane Arbus Retrospective. First in the catalogue was "Could I Just Make One Other Point?", an unnerving scenario featuring Mr Cecil Parkinson as newly-appointed Secretary of State for Energy.

The overall effect of disquiet emerging from the figure is heightened by the disparity of the smooth exterior and the inner turmoil.

A spritely new double-breasted suit, a spotty silk tie immaculately knotted, a perfectly judged parting in the hair – all these are tragically undermined by the large, nervous hands pulling at the socks, the endlessly nodding and bobbing head, the twitchy, mask-like smile, the restless eyes.

This is indeed a disturbing study of the anxiety beneath the surface of life in the twentieth century, and deserves comparison with the earlier works of Goya and Velázquez.

"I Would Like to Visit Leicester Again Before Too Long" is the darkly ironic introductory title given to the Second Exhibit, Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts. Why would he like to visit Leicester again before too long? This is a question that – in the manner of Pinter or Beckett – is never answered wholly satisfactorily but remains an enigma to the end.

His ostensible reason, that the reputation of Leicester Haymarket Theatre provides sufficient temptation for a return, is surely intended to tantalize by its very unlikelihood.

Skilful play is made on other themes: feminism, sponsorship, standards of excellence; but the overall picture is one of irreconcilable differences between dreams and reality.

A number of derivative and unremarkable miniatures, "Full Consultation with All Involved", "Frustration of the Ordinary Man and Woman in the Street", "The Important Contribution of the Civil Service", can be skipped over, but then we arrive at "One Rule for the Rich and Another for the Poor", an illuminating study of Mr Dennis Skinner in the manner of Mr Diego Rivera, with a mass of contemporary allusions to the sins of the rich: Mr Keith Best and his Shares, Captain Mark Phillips and his Car, the Massed Army of City Whizz-Kids, surrounding the loud central icon, representing in its unashamed brashness The True Voice of the People.

The exhibition closes on a sombre, almost apocalyptic note with a full-length version of Mr John Moore, the only Tory whose elocution has reached such a high pitch that when he pronounces the word "guarantee" one can clearly hear the sound of the letter "u". As he talks on and on, the spectator finds himself falling asleep. Aha! But this is surely the very purpose of this bleak and desolate exhibition, which will run and run.

Craig Brown

Gorbachov uses speech to rally middle-ground

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these people never say that they oppose *perestroika*. Rather, they would have us believe that they are fighting against its negative side-effects, that they are guardians of ideological principles that supposedly might be eroded by the increasing activity of the masses."

This key section of the 101-page address subtitled, "The Revolution Continues", was regarded as an attempt by Mr Gorbachov to re-establish his central position among the squabbling members of his Politburo, whose disarray was hushed up until news of Mr Yeltsin's unprecedented gesture leaked to Western newsmen.

As well as the implied rebuke to Mr Ligachev and his close ally in the conservative camp, Mr Viktor Chebrikov, the powerful chief of the KGB, Mr Gorbachov's speech also contained a thinly disguised reprimand to Mr Yeltsin and the young Turks on the increasingly frustrated reformist wing of the Communist Party.

With both Mr Yeltsin and Mr Ligachov seated on benches behind him, Mr Gorbachov suggested that over-zealous reformers could present almost as many problems for his reforms as conservatives. "We must not give in to pressure from those overly headstrong and impatient people who do not want to take into account the objective logic of the re-structuring," he stated in an obvious effort to maintain Government unity.

This public airing of inner Kremlin politics was described by one European observer as "a clear sign that Gorbachov is trying to defend his position in the middle

It was noted that Mr Gorbachov was careful to distance himself from Mr Yeltsin, a man previously regarded as his most able protegé although names were not mentioned.

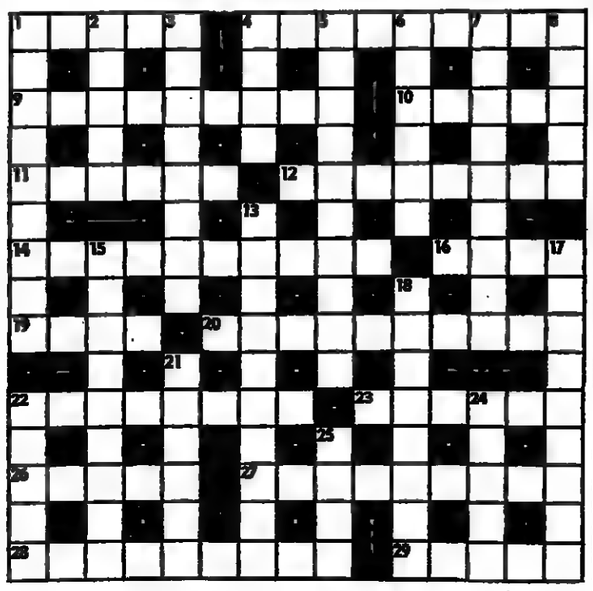
The Soviet leader, without any direct reference to the now famous Central Committee meeting on October 21, said that the "impatient elements" were "expressing dissatisfaction with what they consider the slow pace (of reforms) which they allege will not bring the needed fruit quickly".

He then added, with an uncharacteristic note of caution, which clearly showed up his political difficulties: "It should be clear that we cannot skip stages and try to do everything with one wave of the hand."

Switching to foreign policy, Mr Gorbachov disclosed that he was now anticipating a fourth summit with President Reagan in Moscow next year in addition to their off-on third meeting in Washington, which after much wrangling has been finally fixed to open on December 7.

His remarks were seen as demonstrating that although Star Wars is likely to remain a sticking point in any secondary US-Soviet arms control agreement beyond that on medium and shorter-range missiles (which will be signed in Washington), it is no longer seen here as an obstacle to completing the chain of Gorbachov-Reagan summits

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,504



ACROSS

1 Bad spirit – fellow swallows a *small measure* (5).
4 Record a rebellion (5-4).
9 Orders not reused become ineffective (3,2,4).
10 Wood obtained from soft-hearted fellow (5).
11 Card game from Bucks, they say (6).
12 Unemployment in which love may bloom (8).
14 Shot – one shot – in American tournament (5,5).
16 He used to work for breakers, by the sound of it (4).
19 Charged *on the way back* for wrongdoing (4).
20 Spotted in fine battle formation (4-6).
22 Plan to study some church architecture (8).
23 Wary about strange material (6).
26 First of all, try to put out of countenance (5).
27 Soldier of the king turned European? That's right (9).
28 Follow each other and act in scenes from a film (4,5).
29 Fired ammunition that's plastic (5).

DOWN

1 Black Beauty? Nobody's familiar *with it* (4,5).
2 Many a girl produces marvellous food (5).
3 It's midday, and I noted no change (8).
4 A line of dots you can hear (4).
5 Vanessa married lad after dissolution (3,7).
6 Girl in line to stand up and complain (6).
7 Tool put into operation (9).
8 Sheep lap the river, in which water may be found (5).
13 Cheerful chap on the staff . . . (5,5).
15 . . . as is chap who's joined the association (5,4).
17 Golly *for* love, but not *in* love (5-4).
18 Intoxicated by the dance, have a drink (8).
21 Push to alter the final result (6).
22 Firm has a way . . . (5).
24 . . . to progress without effort – that's what it means (5).
25 What's at the bottom of all the wine bottles? (4).

Concise crossword, page 11

Solution to Puzzle No 17,503

WEATHER

A large anticyclone will remain slow-moving just to the east of Britain. Another dry and quiet day for most of Britain but with fog again a problem in some areas. A foggy start in many inland areas, with some dense patches especially in the south. The fog will slowly clear from most places. Many coastal districts and south-west England should miss the worst of the fog, with a mainly bright weather day expected. Northern Ireland and southern and eastern Scotland should have sunny spells for much of the day. North-western Scotland and the northern isles will be rather cloudy, with a little drizzle over some coasts and hills. Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Little change.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	f	21	70	Majorca	f	24	75
Akrotiri	s	19	66	Malaga	c	20	68
Alex'dria	f	27	81	Malta	c	25	77
Algiers	s	31	88	Melb'rne	f	37	99
Amst'dm	f	13	55	Miami*	c	25	77
Athens	s	16	61	Milan	c	14	57
Bahrain	s	30	86	Montreal*	s	9	48
Barcelona	f	19	66	Moscow	s	3	37
Beirut				Munich	r	9	48
Belgrade	c	6	43	Nairobi	f	28	82
Berlin	c	9	48	Naples	f	20	68
Bermuda*	s	25	77	N Orleans	s	27	81
Biarritz	s	19	66	N York*	s	16	61
Borde'x	s	16	61	Nice	c	18	64
Brussels	c	11	52	Oslo	c	3	37
Budapest	c	5	41	Paris	c	11	52
B Aires*	f	23	73	Peking	s	12	54
Cairo	s	26	79	Perth	c	17	63
Cape Tn	s	30	86	Prague	r	9	48
C'blanca	r	17	63	Reykjvik	c	6	43
Chicago*	f	19	66	Rhodes	s	17	63
Ch'church	c	12	54	Rio de J	s	26	79
Cologne	c	12	54	Riyadh	s	33	91
C'pnhgn	c	7	45	Rome	f	21	70
Corfu	f	18	64	Salzburg	r	10	50
Dublin	c	11	52	S F'isco*	c	17	63
Dubrovnik	c	15	59	Santiago*	s	21	70
Faro	c	19	66	S Paulo*	f	23	73
Florence	c	17	63	Seoul	r	10	50
Frankfurt	c	13	55	Sing'pore	f	32	90
Funchal	s	21	70	St'kholm	c	2	36
Geneva	c	12	54	Strasb'rg	f	13	55
Gibraltar	c	19	66	Sydney	s	30	86
Helsinki	f	7	45	Tangier	c	21	70
Hong K	f	29	84	Tel Aviv	c	21	70
Innsbruck	c	11	52	Tenerife	f	24	75
Istanbul	f	11	52	Tokyo	c	14	57
Jeddah	s	32	90	Toronto*	f	11	52
Jo'burg*	f	27	81	Tunis	s	25	77
Karachi	s	31	88	Valencia	c	18	64
L Palmas	s	25	77	Vanc'ver*	c	11	52
Le Touquet	f	12	54	Venice	s	16	61
Lisbon	f	16	61	Vienna	c	4	39
Locarno	s	15	59	Warsaw	c	6	43
L Angeles*	f	20	68	Wash'ton*	s	18	64
Luxembg	f	11	52	Wel'nton	s	11	52
Madrid	s	19	66	Zurich	f	13	55

* denotes Sunday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	1.5	-	10	50	bright
Bridlington	1.2	-	13	55	cloudy
Cromer	2.3	-	10	50	cloudy
Lowestoft	3.5	-	11	52	bright
Clacton	5.9	-	11	52	sunny
Southend	-	-	9	48	fog
Margate	-	-	11	52	bright
Folkestone	6.6	-	13	55	sunny
Hastings	7.7	-	13	55	sunny
Eastbourne	6.3	-	13	55	sunny
Brighton	6.1	-	13	55	sunny
Worthing	6.6	-	12	54	sunny
Littlehmptn	5.4	-	13	55	sunny
Bognor R	7.9	-	12	54	sunny
Southsea	7.9	-	13	55	sunny
Sandown	6.2	-	12	54	sunny
Shanklin	6.1	-	12	54	sunny
Bournemouth	4.5	-	12	54	sunny
Poole	5.6	-	12	54	fog
Swanage	6.1	-	12	54	bright
Weymouth	5.6	-	12	54	sunny
Exmouth	4.4	-	12	54	sunny
Torquay	5.1	-	12	54	bright
Falmouth	4.7	-	12	54	sunny
Penzance	6.4	-	13	55	sunny
Scilly Isles	8.4	-	13	55	sunny
Jersey	5.5	-	15	59	sunny
Guernsey	7.1	-	15	59	sunny
Newquay	6.1	-	15	59	sunny
Ilfracombe	-	-	12	54	sunny
Minehead	0.1	-	9	48	fog
B'pool Airpt	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Morecambe	-	-	10	50	dull
Douglas	-	-	12	54	cloudy
B'ham Airpt	-	-	11	52	fog
Bristol (Cut)	5.2	-	13	55	sunny
Carlisle	1.7	-	13	55	fog
London	2.1	-	11	52	fog
Manchester	-	-	11	52	dull
M'cl-n-Tyne	4.3	-	14	57	bright
Nottingham	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Anglesey	0.1	-	13	55	cloudy
Cardiff (Cwt)	6.3	-	12	54	sunny
Colwyn Bay	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Tenby	8.3	-	11	52	sunny
Aberdeen	6.0	-	15	59	sunny
Aviemore	1.1	-	13	55	cloudy
Edinburgh	6.1	-	14	57	sunny
Eskdalemuir	3.2	-	12	54	fog
Glasgow	4.9	01	14	57	sunny
Kinloss	1.1	-	14	57	cloudy
Lerwick	2.4	07	10	50	sunny
Prestwick	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Stornoway	1.9	04	12	54	cloudy
Tiree	0.1	02	12	54	drizzle
Wick	2.0	02	11	52	rain
Belfast	-	-	11	52	cloudy

* denotes figures not available

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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.47	6.8	—	—
Aberdeen	11.34	4.1	11.36	4.3
Avonmouth	5.06	12.2	5.30	12.8
Belfast	9.08	3.3	9.19	3.6
Cardiff	4.51	11.3	5.15	11.8
Devonport	3.49	5.2	4.08	5.5
Dover	9.03	6.3	9.32	6.4
Falmouth	3.19	5.0	3.36	5.3
Glasgow	10.54	4.8	11.12	4.7
Harwich	8.35	3.7	10.16	3.9
Holyhead	8.25	5.2	8.32	5.8
Hull	3.56	7.0	4.46	7.0
Ilfracombe	3.53	8.4	4.14	8.9
Leith	12.10	5.3	12.47	5.4
Liverpool	9.17	8.8	9.31	9.3
Lowestoft	6.45	2.4	8.01	2.3
Margate	9.45	4.6	10.37	4.7
Milford Haven	4.09	6.5	4.30	6.9
Newquay	3.04	6.5	3.24	6.9
Oban	4.03	3.5	4.14	4.0
Penzance	2.53	5.3	3.09	5.6
Portland	4.47	2.0	5.06	2.2
Portsmouth	9.26	4.6	9.41	4.5
Shoreham	9.09	6.1	9.31	6.0
Southampton	9.01	4.5	9.13	4.4
Swansea	4.19	8.8	4.38	9.3
Tees	1.20	5.1	2.05	5.2
W'ton-on-Nze	9.29	3.9	10.10	4.1

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.
Times are GMT

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.64	2.50
Austria Sch	21.70	20.60
Belgium Fr	64.70	61.50
Canada $	2.385	2.245
Denmark Kr	11.93	11.33
Finland Mkk	7.63	7.23
France Fr	10.43	9.93
Germany Dm	3.086	2.926
Greece Dr	248	230
Hong Kong $	13.95	13.25
Ireland Pt	1.16	1.10
Italy Lira	2270	2160
Japan Yen	248	238
Netherlands Gld	3.475	3.305
Norway Kr	11.77	11.12
Portugal Esc	250	235
South Africa Rd	4.30	3.80
Spain Pta	205	194
Sweden Kr	11.10	10.55
Switzerland Fr	2.54	2.42
USA $	1.80	1.72
Yugoslavia Dnr	1909	1550

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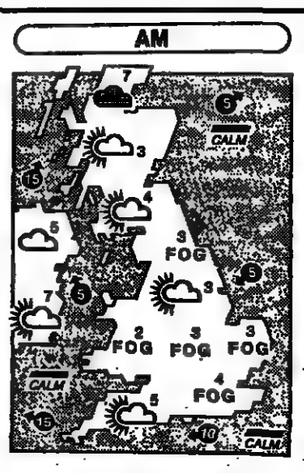

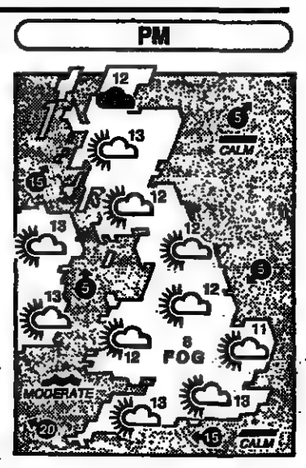

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 5.01 pm to 6.28 am
Bristol 5.11 pm to 6.38 am
Edinburgh 4.59 pm to 6.55 am
Manchester 5.04 pm to 6.43 am
Penzance 5.26 pm to 6.46 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	11	52	Guernsey	s	13	55
B'ham'm	c	10	50	Inverness	c	12	54
Blackpool	c	11	52	Jersey	f	14	57
Bristol	s	10	50	London	c	11	52
Cardiff	s	11	52	M'chester	c	10	50
Edinburgh	s	13	55	Newcastle	f	12	54
Glasgow	s	13	55	R'aldsway	c	13	55

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 11C (52F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 8C (46F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 11C (52F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 7C (45F). Humidity: 6 pm, 89 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.1 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1032.2 millibars, rising.
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Sunday: Highest day temp: Jersey, 16C (61F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 8C (46F); highest rainfall: Culdrose, Cornwall, 0.39 in; highest sunshine: Scarborough, north Yorkshire, 8.8 hr.

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Full Moon November 5

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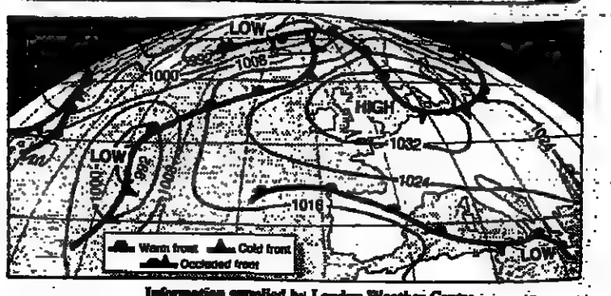

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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1342.7 (–18.2)

FT-SE 100
1723.7 (–26.1)

Bargains
43020 (59138)

USM (Datastream)
158.44 (–1.70)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7390 (+0.0170)

W German mark
2.9763 (–0.0010)

Trade-weighted
74.6 (same)

Banks fail to revive dollar

Slow progress on US deficit disappoints

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

Central banks stepped in with large-scale support for the dollar yesterday as the US currency plunged again.

Markets were disappointed by the slow progress on reducing the US budget deficit in talks between the Administration and Congressmen over the weekend.

They were also concerned at comments by Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the West German finance minister, and Herr Martin Bangemann, the economics minister, emphasizing that the West German government saw no room for further reflation, nor for altering its monetary policy.

Intense activity to co-ordinate the policies of the large nations continued yesterday and is expected to lead soon to a meeting of the Group of Seven nations. But several finance ministers have emphasized that a G7 meeting should not take place until it has something positive to discuss.

In spite of heavy intervention by the Bank of Japan, the dollar fell sharply in Tokyo, closing 82 points below the New York close at Y137.58. In London, it fell further despite support by the Bundesbank and the Swiss National Bank. It closed Y1.25 below the pre-weekend close at Y136.95 and 1.75 pfennigs lower at DM1.7115.

Trading in Europe was relatively light because several centres were closed for All Saints Day. Tokyo exchanges are closed today.

The pound rose 1.75 cents to $1.7395 but was slightly lower at DM2.9760. The effective exchange rate index remained unchanged at 74.6.

The immediate focus of interest in markets is today's decision by the Bundesbank on the weekly repurchase rate. This is expected to fall from 3.80 per cent to possibly 3.60 per cent. West German government sources, however, have made plain that a cut in the discount rate was not in prospect.

In the US, Riggs National Bank yesterday cut its prime rate from 9 per cent to 8½ per cent. None of the leading banks followed suit.

The Federal Reserve Board faces difficulties in trying to keep US rates sufficiently high so as not to further undermine the dollar and still maintain investor confidence for the quarterly re-financing beginning today, while keeping them sufficiently low that the stock market crash does not lead to recession. Yesterday, the Bank of Japan said it would be buying US three-year notes at today's auction.

The West German and Japanese authorities are constrained from further interest rate cuts partly through fear of the monetary expansion buying unwanted dollars may entail. Japanese reserves rose by $911 million (£526 million) last month. Britain's reserves at end-October, due to be released today, are expected to show a considerably larger increase.

$23bn debt refinancing test for US

The US Treasury begins its quarterly refinancing of the huge federal debt today with an auction of $23.8 billion (£13.8 billion) in government notes. The scaled-back auction will be closely watched by international investors as a barometer of continued confidence in the US economy.

The powerful open market committee of the US Federal Reserve Board meets today to consider whether to continue pumping money into the US economy after the crash.

In addition, negotiations between the White House and Congress over a deficit reduction agreement moved into a new phase with some influential Democrats demanding more direct involvement by President Reagan.

Hostile reception: Sir John Read (left), TSB chairman, was accused of 'steamroller' tactics by shareholder Walter Geake

Anger as TSB deal is approved

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

TSB Group shareholders yesterday approved the £777 million takeover of Hill Samuel — but only after an acrimonious six-hour extraordinary meeting that occasionally dissolved in uproar.

Sir John Read, TSB chairman, visibly wilted as he faced a group of small shareholders who vociferously opposed the deal, and at times called for his resignation. He finally won approval for the takeover, despite accusations of using steamroller tactics by employing some 11,600 proxy votes supporting the plan. Final voting figures were 117,027,750 in favour and 12,232,702 against.

His opponents claimed that since the fall in the stock market two weeks ago and the drop in Hill Samuel's share price to around 760p, TSB's 810p cash offer was too high. They quoted City analysts who originally thought TSB's offer very generous and now believe it is more than £200 million above Hill Samuel's market value.

Mr Alan Walter Spence, owner of 600 TSB shares, moved that the decision should be delayed by three months while TSB sought further financial advice. Although he received the support of most of the 480 shareholders at the London meeting, he was heavily outvoted by proxies, with 116.9 million shares against the motion compared with 12.1 million in favour.

Sir John then faced criticism that the proxy votes had been sent in before shareholders could have understood the implications of the stock market collapse, and that he therefore had no right to use them.

A second motion, that the meeting should be postponed for three weeks while absent shareholders were allowed to recast their proxy vote, was also heavily defeated.

Sir John and his colleague argued that a delay would put the entire takeover in danger, and that Takeover Panel rules made it almost impossible to renegotiate. The takeover was still in the long-term strategic interests of TSB Group, he said.

Many of the shareholders at the meeting who had travelled long distances to oppose the deal were incensed when they found that Sir John was able to use the proxy votes against them.

Mr Walter Geake, a retired London taxi driver, tried to lead a walkout in protest, loudly proclaiming that voting was pointless. "You can't use proxy votes to steamroller this meeting," he shouted.

Several times shareholders attempted to oust Sir John as chairman of the meeting and one shareholder moved that he and the TSB board should resign.

Mr Peter Rowlands, the company secretary, said the earliest any proxy voting forms could have been returned by shareholders to TSB was on Monday, October 19.

Strong growth in Scotland

Scotland's top 500 companies are in good shape, according to a survey published today by Jordan & Sons, the financial specialist. Almost three out of four companies report higher turnover than in their previous year and the downward trend in employment seems to have been halted.

The survey shows growth of 22.4 per cent in turnover while profit margins have also been a satisfactory 6.8 per cent.

More than 80 per cent of the companies in the survey, ranging in size from sales of £2 billion to above £5 million, were profitable.

Pict losses cut

Pict Petroleum, the North Sea exploration company run by Noble Grossart, the Edinburgh merchant bank, reduced its losses last year from more than £3 million to £102,115. There is no dividend. Tempus, page 26

Allen deals

Edgar Allen Engineering, part of the Aurora group, has won two overseas contracts worth a total of £808,000. One is for special trackwork for the Toronto streetcar system in Canada. The other involves the supply of switches and crossings for Hong Kong tramways.

Pay notes

More than 35,000 copies of guidance notes on Profit-Related Pay have been issued by the Inland Revenue to interested employers, the Financial Secretary, Mr Norman Lamont, said yesterday.

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New York	
Dow Jones	1997.84 (+4.31)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	23358.60 (+29.69)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2203.23 (–36.9)
Amsterdam: Gen	230.5 (–3.8)
Sydney: AO	1359.9 (+67.8)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1505.3 (–20.7)
Brussels:	
General	3527.5 (–211.7)
Paris: CAC	n/a
Zurich: SKA Gen	485.5 (+5.6)
London:	
FT–A All-Share	876.00 (–11.33)
FT–"500"	963.83 (–13.10)
FT. Gold Mines	314.9 (+2.8)
FT. Fixed interest	93.55 (–0.21)
FT. Govt Secs	89.78 (–0.11)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
GEC	191p (+11p)
Grand Met.	407p (+13p)
Hunting	465p (+25p)
VSEL	500p (+25p)
Matthew Brown	672p (+19p)
Etam	284p (+13p)
Wardle Storeys	500p (+35p)
Minet Holdings	354p (+17p)
Harrisons Crosfld	559p (+34p)
Ricardo	121p (+11p)
Smallbone	355p (+25p)
FALLS:	
British Aerospace	338p (–20p)
S W Berisford	313p (–58p)
Wm Low	610p (–10p)
Storehouse	261p (–16p)
Woolworth	315p (–17p)
Eastern Produce	323p (–10p)
Amersham Intnl.	405p (–21p)
AB Foods	293p (–17p)

Prices are as at 4pm

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 9½%
3-month Interbank 9⅝-9½%
3-month eligible bills: 9-8 15/16% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 9%
Federal Funds 6 11/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.54-5.53%*
30-year bonds 97 5/16-97%*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7390	£: $1.7395*
£: DM2.9763	$: DM1.7125*
£: SwFr2.4561	$: SwFr1.4155*
£: FFr10.0992	$: FFr5.8065*
£: Yen238.16	$: Yen136.95*
£: Index:74.6	$: Index:98.0
ECU £0.693232	SDR £0.770989

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $469.95 pm-$469.30
close $470.00-470.50 (£271.25-271.75)
New York
Comex $468.90-469.40*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Dec) pm $18.70bbl ($18.85)
* Denotes latest trading price

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CBI comes out fighting

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Mr John Banham, the director general of the Confederation of British Industry, told its 11th annual conference in Glasgow yesterday that Britain has broken out of the "last chance saloon" and is ready to "take the town apart."

Mr Banham, in a fighting speech delivered against a background of worldwide stock market crises, said: "We are in danger of having some success on our hands and we must not let the events of the past few weeks obscure the message."

As well as calling for industry to close the "massive investment gap" that had opened up in comparison with Britain's competitors, Mr Banham also said that large and continuing cuts in public spending and a reduction in interest rates were vital.

Speaking 24 hours before Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, is due to make his Autumn Statement, Mr Banham said: "Despite all the howls of anguish, public expenditure has gone on rising.

"The funding gap which has resulted has been met by a combination of increases in taxes on business — £5 billion this year compared with six years ago, more than we spend every year on privately funded research and development — increases in VAT and sales of public sector capital assets.

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The conference later overwhelmingly endorsed a resolution calling on the Government to abandon its plans for a uniform business rate and to introduce a revamped system of local rating that would allow companies not to pay for the social services.

Waste in the public sector was costing £5 billion a year said Mr Banham, and one of the opportunities in the next four years was to contract out to the private sector services such as catering, cleaning and security.

The CBI is to publish its ratings proposals within the next 10 days. Sir David Nickson, the CBI President, said: "It was totally legitimate and right for the CBI to be expressing the most strong views about business paying more than it should in relation to what it had to invest and to be seeking to reduce the burden of paying for services it did not receive."

The CBI view is that companies should pay towards the police, the fire service and roads and something towards education and other services such as museums but not "bottomless pits" like the social services.

Cutbacks at Orion Royal

By Graham Searjeant
Financial Editor

The gilt-edged market suffered its second casualty yesterday when the Royal Bank of Canada announced that its subsidiary RBC Gilts would immediately stop making markets in government stock.

The group's main international investment banking subsidiary Orion Royal Bank is also pulling out of its larger Eurobond business, which has specialized in Australian issues.

Taken with other reorganization, the group will cut up to 150 jobs among its 1,200 London staff. Most of the jobs are in Eurobonds and about six directors will leave.

Mr John Sanders, chairman and chief executive of Orion Royal, stressed yesterday that his decision stemmed from a review of international investment banking strategy started in the early summer and had little to do with current trading.

RBC Gilts, which was set up from scratch at relatively low cost for Big Bang, has never made a profit but has incurred only modest losses. The specialist Eurobond business is suffering from increased competition, which pushed it into losses in 1985. The two areas "are not viable for us, nor likely to be so in the foreseeable future".

In spite of the recent collapse in share prices, Orion Royal intends to expand its United Kingdom and international equity business Kitkat & Aitken.

Daiwa Securities, the second largest Japanese securities house, yesterday followed Nomura Securities in applying for a Bank of England licence to be a primary gilt-edged dealer. Both may be granted round the New Year.

Doubts over ABF bid for Berisford

By Alexandra Jackson

A question mark is hanging over Associated British Foods' £767 million cash bid for S&W Berisford, after yesterday's decision by ABF to defer the extraordinary meeting scheduled for today, which was expected to gain shareholders' approval for the bid.

The decision was taken after ABF received an indication from its controlling shareholder, George Weston Holdings, representing the interests of the chairman's family, that it may not after all be able to vote in favour of the bid.

The ABF board believes it has insufficient information about the effect of changed market conditions on Berisford's financial services, property and commodity trading activities. It believes it should seek "to clarify and assess" the situation. Under the Takeover Code, ABF has until November 26 to reconvene the EGM, or the offer will lapse.

ABF said it considered Berisford's recent letter to shareholders as inadequate, as it made no reference to the effect of changed the market.

Berisford issued a statement yesterday which "deplored the uncertainty" caused by the adjournment.

Mr Henry Lewis, deputy chairman of Berisford, said yesterday: "We object to the inference that Berisford's board is to blame."

ABF's results for the six months to September 26 showed pretax profits of £82.7 million, up 15 per cent. A first interim dividend of 2.5p was declared (2.2p).

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Hunting leaps to £7m

By Michael Tate

Profits are on an explosive growth track at the weapons manufacturing group Hunting Associated Industries. The first half of 1987 has produced £7.13 million against £4.02 million, and the group expects to make well above £14 million for the full year, against £11.8 million last time.

There is no increase, however, in the interim dividend, which is held at 4p a share.

Earnings per share are up from 15.3p to 28.4p and on a fully diluted basis are 22.9p against 11.1p.

Mr Clive Hunting, the chairman, says the second half-year should "not only reflect an improvement over the corresponding period of 1986, but will also show an increase over the first half."

Coloroll calls halt to acquisitions

Brushing up the profits: John Ashcroft, Coloroll's chairman

By Carol Ferguson

Mr John Ashcroft, the chairman of Coloroll, was in confident mood yesterday as he unveiled record results for the half year to September 30. However, he gave a warning that the stock market crash signalled the end of the group's aggressive acquisition policy.

"Life has changed, we will still keep an eye open for opportunistic acquisitions, but the emphasis will be on cash generation and the elimination of gearing, and there will be no new initiatives."

Pretax profits at the home fashion group leapt from £3.5 million to £11.5 million on turnover up 180 per cent to £124.4 million.

Earnings per share rose 30 per cent to 8.3p, and the interim dividend by 15 per cent to 2.64p net.

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Fraud Squad expected to make new arrests soon

Guinness accused back in court

By Joe Joseph

Mr Ernest Saunders, Sir Jack Lyons and Mr Roger Seelig, three of the five defendants charged in connection with the Guinness affair, will appear at Bow Street Magistrates Court this morning for a remand hearing amid speculation that further arrests are imminent.

When Mr Saunders, the former Guinness chairman, appeared at Bow Street last month in similar circumstances — already accused of attempting to pervert the course of justice and two offences of destroying and falsifying documents — he was charged with a further 37 offences. The breadth of the new charges strongly suggested the Fraud Squad had more arrests in mind.

However, while more names may soon be added to the charge sheet, no big surprises are expected at today's hearing.

The likelihood is that Mr Saunders, Sir Jack, a businessman, and Mr Seelig, the former corporate finance director of Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank adviser to Guinness during its Distillers bid, will be bound over once more.

Mr Gerald Ronson, head of the Heron garages and petrol group, who was charged last month with eight offences, including the theft of £5.8 million from Guinness, will appear in court on Friday. He will probably also be remanded until the same date.

Mr Anthony Parnes, the fifth leading British businessman to be arrested in the Guinness affair, is awaiting extradition to Britain from the US.

The prosecution could also take the opportunity afforded by today's hearing to say whether — and which — other potential defendants might be charged in the Guinness affair; when papers might be served against various defendants; how they see the timetable of the legal action unfolding; and how long a trial might take.

One hurdle hindering the Fraud Squad investigation is its difficulty in questioning key US businessmen linked to Guinness during the Distillers takeover.

These include Mr Thomas Ward, the US lawyer and former Guinness director, who says the £5.2 million he received from Guinness represented a fair compensation for his consultancy advice during the bid, and Mr Ivan Boesky, the disgraced Wall Street arbitrageur, whose evidence to the US authorities first put the British authorities on the Guinness trail.

The Fraud Sqaud has not tried to extradite Mr Ward and would face severe difficulties in doing so. British police concede they do not even have the authority to interview Mr Ward in the US without his consent.

Mr Boesky, who apparently has tempted British police with suggestions that he may be able to shed further light on their investigations, is believed essentially to want immunity from possible prosecution in London in return for his co-operation. It is understood that British police are believed to be negotiating with Mr Boesky's lawyers about a possible interview.

But the US authorities are unlikely to release Mr Boesky to appear as a witness in any Guinness-related trials in London until he has been tried for the charges he faces in the US.

STOCK MARKETS

Settlement Day relief but prices slip

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

Settlement Day on the stock market after the record collapse in share prices during the past fortnight passed off without incident yesterday.

Dealers were breathing a sigh of relief last night, although they admitted it could be another couple of days until cheques have been cashed before any possible defaulters emerge.

Prices were marked lower at the start of trading despite a firm overnight performance on financial markets in the Far East. Investors retreated to the sidelines, awaiting the Autumn Statement by Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, at Mansion House tonight.

Despite the brief appearance of a few cheap buyers about lunchtime, the investors were content to let prices drift lower. But market-makers reported little selling pressure and claimed there was every chance that prices would begin a gradual recovery later this week as conditions settle down after the recent events.

The FT-SE 100 share index finished the day 26.1 lower at 1,723.7, having been 34.9 down earlier in the session. The lack of clear direction from Wall Street in resumed trading after the weekend also left the narrower FT 30 share index 18.2 lower at 1,342.7.

Some dealers were still expressing fears about the US budget deficit and the American Administration's apparent lack of urgency in tackling the problem.

The dollar's continued weakness could cause problems for some of Britain's big dollar earners. There were falls among some of them yesterday although most managed to close above their worst levels. ICI lost 14p at £10.60, Jaguar 7p at 322p and Glaxo 18p at £11.45.

BP lost ground with the new shares losing 4p to 81p. On Friday, Goldman Sachs, the New York investment house and one of the main US underwriters for the issue, managed to dispose of at least half of its underwriting commitment at a price of 82p. Most of the shares were absorbed in London.

At one stage, the price touched 80p and was attracting the support of the income funds. They claim that at this level, the shares boast a gross return of 14½ per cent on the first down payment after dividend payoff.

Government securities spent a subdued day, closing with losses of about £¼ on the day.

Private investors in British Airways continued to see their permium on the shares slowly whittled away yesterday with the price losing another 4p to 141p amid growing fears that its proposed merger with the privately-owned British Caledonian, Britain's second biggest airline, may be eventually grounded.

Reports over the weekend suggested that BCal is already looking round for other suitors just in case the proposed merger with BA is blocked by the Government.

News of the proposed merger between the two airlines announced earlier this year ran into fierce criticism from other airline operators. It was then postponed for six months after the Government decided to look into the deal.

There are suggestions that BCal has already had talks with KLM, the Dutch airline, as well as lining up several other potential suitors.

BCal is reckoned to have made losses of almost £20 million in 1986/87 and is clearly anxious to find a stablemate.

BA came to the market at 125p in February with investors asked to make an initial payment of 65p a share. At the time, it was regarded as the most risky of the Government's privatization issues but was given a warm reception by an investing public that had already become used to sizeable premiums. After touching a peak of 239p in the summer, the price now stands just 16p above its fully-paid level. The final payment of 70p does not fall due until next August.

Fairway, a distributor of business and computer stationery to financial institutions, made an impressive debut on the Unlisted Securities Market.

Placed at 74p, through Capel-Cure Myers, the broker, the shares opened at 75p and advanced steadily to close the session at 81p, for a premium of 7p.

Warrington, the building contractor formerly known as Thomas Warrington, jumped by 18p to 130p on speculative buying.

Dealers reckon the company's prospects look bright. Mr Graeme Jackson, the chairman and property developer who has been the mastermind behind the company's transformation over the past couple of years, is said to be on the verge of announcing another acquisition.

Shares of Tay Homes, the USM-listed house builder, rose 12p to 325p on further consideration of the recent excellent results that showed pretax profits 62 per cent higher at £3.02 million.

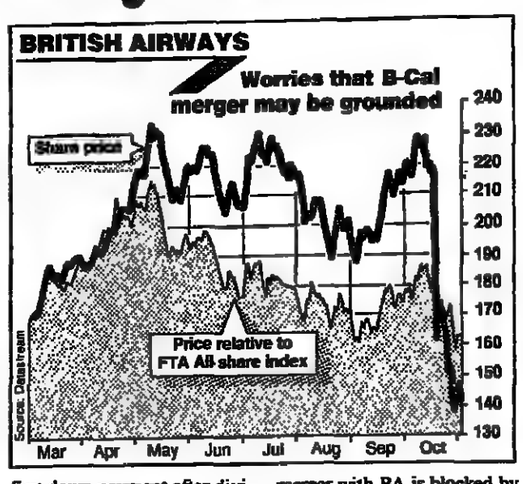
Reed International, the paper, packaging and publishing conglomerate, has been another casualty of the recent collapse with its price tumbling from the £6-level to about £4 in just a couple of days. It closed a further 7p down at 381p yesterday in quiet trading.

Reed's interim results are due tomorrow and brokers are expecting pretax profits to rise from £80 million to between £90 million and £95 million, putting the group on target for a full-year figure of £230 million.

Analysts at Morgan Grenfell Securities, the broker, say that most of the group's markets will have been buoyant in the first half of the year. In particular, publishing will have benefited from rising advertising expenditure in the US and Britain, especially in magazines.

● VPI Group, the corporate communications consultant, is another casualty of the market's collpase seeing its price halve to 258p in the past two weeks. Mr Reg Vallin, chairman, hopes to repair some of the damage today with a seminar for fund managers.

● BPB Industries, the plasterboard group, eased 2p to 283p despite reports that it has attracted interest from from Boral, an Australian company, reckoned to have taken a 9 per cent stake in the shares. A spokesman for BPB said there was no substance to the rumours.



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ABF caution may pay off

Poor Mr Garry Weston. Almost 20 years after Associated British Foods' last bid of any size, a few weeks' prematurity may jeopardize a deal that promised to lift earnings and revitalize ABF's image.

For some time, pressure had been growing on Mr Weston, the chairman and main shareholder, to spend the cash pile, which was earning an unsatisfactory return.

Attracted by the sweetness of its principal subsidiary, British Sugar, S&W Berisford made a suitable target. But the dramas of recent weeks have drawn the risks of Berisford's speculative activities to the fore.

Not suprisingly, ABF has deferred the EGM, hoping in three weeks to glean more information about its prey. It must then proceed or let the bid lapse.

Ironically, the only way to avoid a 12-month delay after a lapsed bid would be through a monopolies referral, which ABF has been fighting off.

But ABF may be wise to walk away from Berisford however well it fits, as there are plenty of other cut-price bargains around.

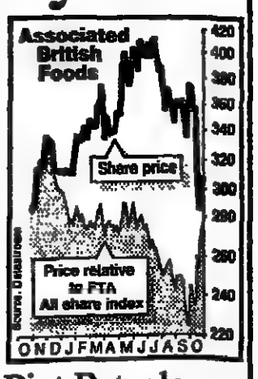
In the meantime, ABF continues to put in a steady trading performance. Price rises in milling and baking, accounting for the lion's share of profits, will provide six months' cover for the effects of this year's bad harvest.

The performance of the rest of the business was patchy, but good progress is being made by smaller new businesses.

For the full year, assuming no Berisford, ABF should make £210 million. The recent issue of shares and above-average tax charge will mean earnings will only mark time.

ABF needs something to gets its teeth into unless it wishes to be written off as a serious investment choice. But markets may not settle down quickly enough to make the ultra-cautious ABF management take the plunge and go ahead with the Berisford deal regardless.

In this eventuality one can only hope that it will not be another 20 years before the next bid is launched.



Pict Petroleum

Since Pict Petroleum was formed more than 15 years ago, success has continuously eluded it. While many competing independent oil companies have become bigger fish, either through the luck of making big finds, or by doing deals and making acquisitions, Pict remains a minnow.

Its market capitalization is just over £12 million making it easily one of the smallest independent players in the North Sea.

Snatched from the jaws of disaster by the agreement with the US company Amerada Hess last February, Pict has been saved from the worst effects of the collapsed oil price by the cash injection which formed part of that deal.

Since then, it has discovered a small oil find close to its Rob Roy/Ivanhoe field called Waverly. A second well is currently being drilled into the structure to determine its commercial viability. It could contain around 70 million barrels, about half of which would be in Pict's block.

Normally, such a small find would be of only marginal economic interest, but its proximity to Rob Roy/Ivanhoe means that it could be developed fairly cheaply by subsea completion. Pict's interest in the block is 3.75 per cent.

The company is currently involved in two further wells, both in the southern gas sector of the North Sea, so this will help to provide some continuing interest.

The share price is approximately in line with Pict's asset value, and the board is directing its efforts to producing a positive cash flow

Coloroll retrenches

Strange that when prices come down, all the buyers disappear.

Coloroll clearly had active plans to continue its aggressive acquisition strategy, and had gone so far as to build up stakes in targets in the home furnishing business. The crash induced £4.7 million write off on these quoted investments at the interim stage is undoubtedly conservative, but Coloroll has decided the time has come to start drawing in its horns.

While not ruling out opportunistic purchases in Britain, theAmerican adventure is now at an end, and Coloroll is determined to retrench. Its managers, having less to do with acquisitions, will be getting down to brass tacks on the domestic front.

This means gingering up the organization at the grass roots level, although those familiar with the company's highly motivational style will be surprised if there is much to be done at this level. The objective is to focus on cash generation, "rinsing out" profits to the bottom line, and the reduction of gearing.

Home furnishing is a discretionary activity, so those forecasting a recession of the dimensions of the 1930s will want to avoid Coloroll's shares. Those who take courage from yesterday's steadier market could find the shares attractive at these levels.

Maxwell makes US acquisition

Mr Robert Maxwell's company, Maxwell Communication Corporation, yesterday said it had acquired Alco Gravure Inc, the US publishing group. Maxwell said it was paying cash for the company but did not disclose the amount.

Based in Rochelle Park, New Jersey, Alco operates six plants in the US and employs just over 1,000 people. It is a private company with annual sales of $150 million (£87 million).

Alco prints newspapers, magazines and catalogues, and its customers include leading US retail chain stores and newspapers.

Maxwell Communication Corp Inc, Maxwell's North American offshoot, already operates 10 printing plants in the US.

Maxwell Communication said: "Alco is an excellent fit for Maxwell and perfectly complements our existing network of plants."

Bertam Holdings

Bertam Holdings reports a turnover of £685,000 (£519,000) for the first half of this year. Pretax profit rose to £342,000 (£234,000). Earnings per share were 0.95p (0.78p).

El Oro Mining

In the half-year to June 30, pretax profit of El Oro Mining & Exploration rose from £629,000 to £945,000. Earnings per share were 13.94p (9.06p). The board reports that an encouraging start has been made to the second half and, in the absence of any dramatic change in market conditions, it feels confident that full-year results will be satisfactory. The company still remains in a position of strength and hopes to maintain or increase the dividend for 1987, the board said.

Hopkinsons' deal

Hopkinsons Holdings has completed its fifth acquisition this year – the takeover of Worthside Beer Pumps of Keighley, West Yorkshire. The consideration is 198,347 ordinary shares and £50,000 cash.

Stock split

International Corona Resources' board has approved a five-for-one split of its common shares. Corona has about 22.81 million common shares outstanding at present. The effect of the five-for-one split will be to increase the outstanding Corona common shares to about 114.06 million.

Stothert & Pitt

Stothert & Pitt proposes to cancel, subject to shareholders' approval and the confirmation of the court, all the issued 5 per cent preference shares of £1 each. In return for the cancellation, the company proposes to pay 114.5p cash for each share.

J Smart ahead

J Smart and Co (Contractors) is paying a final dividend of 3.8p on December 14 for the year to July 31. This makes a total of 5.25p (4.75p). Turnover dipped to £11.44 million (£11.71 million), but pretax profit rose to £1.42 million (£1.36 million). Earnings per share were 9.46p (9.12p).

Rand Mines slips

A final dividend of 330 cents (320 cents), making 435 cents (425 cents), is being paid by Rand Mines for the year to September 30. Turnover slipped to R759.6 million (£220 million) against R787.2 million, while group operating profit fell to R230.7 million (R281.9 million). Earnings per share were 1,117 cents (1,197 cents).

Courage flotation shelved as Elders suffers in crash

From Richard Battley
Sydney

Elders IXL, Australia's eighth biggest company, has capitulated to post-crash forces and shelved its multi-billion pound reconstruction plan and flotation of its Courage public houses in Britain.

Mr John Elliott, the chairman and chief executive, said yesterday, after a board meeting, that he and his fellow directors would not recommend the group's split-up at an extraordinary general meeting tomorrow. Three separately listed divisions had been proposed — brewing, finance and agribusiness.

Mr Elliott was not available for comment but in a company statement last night, he said the Elders board still believed the separate listings remained a sound objective.

The board "believes Elders IXL's strong financial position should be maintained so that it can take advantage of the many opportunities likely to arise in the coming months."

The Elders decision was not unexpected. Analysts had noted that Elders' share price had dropped from Aus$5.68 on October 19 to Aus$2.75 last Friday. It rose 40 cents yesterday.

Elders will ask shareholders tomorrow not to proceed with the proposal for a cash return of Aus$1 a share from the group's share premium account or the alternative one-for-five bonus issue. It said the cash return of Aus$1 a share was intended to equate with the amount likely to be raised by floating 35 per cent of the three divisions.

These divisions could not now be floated at the prices originally contemplated and the amount received from the floats would be significantly less than the proposed cash return, Elders said.

The bonus issue was also no longer a viable alternative when compared with the cash return and would most likely result in a significant cash outflow.

Elders' capital and reserves at June 30 were Aus$3.2 billion (£1.24 billion) and the capital return would have reduced that to Aus$2.1 billion.

The separate listings of Elders' divisions was put forward last July by Mr Basil Seller's, AFP Investment Corp, and would have seen AFP emerge with about 40 per cent of Elders.

AFP said last night it was holding talks with Elders and that these would be concluded shortly and a further announcement made.

There are no plans for Elders to float its near 19 per cent stake in BHP, the country's premier mining house. Elders noted yesterday that, even at the present BHP market price of Aus$7.90, the group's BHP investment exceeded its book value by more than Aus$240 million.

Elders said it would reconsider the listing of the three divisions "at an appropriate time after stability returns to local and international stock markets and clearer economic trends become evident."

Holding back on separate divisions: John Elliott of Elders

Pressure on gas price review for industry

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

A move by the Gas Consumers Council, after complaints from users in the food and drinks, chemicals, steel and ceramics industries, to have British Gas pricing referred to the Office of Fair Trading, was described as "unnecessary" by the company.

The company has recently fended off attempts by large industrial users to have a representative elected to its board to put forward the case for cheaper gas for business.

The Consumers Council passed the individual complaints to British Gas and asked for an explanation of its industrial pricing policies.

Since receiving the British Gas reply, the Consumers Council has decided there was a case for forwarding the complaints to the OFT.

Under the legislation which controls British Gas, the OFT can investigate complaints of anti-competitive practices and refer the matter for a full investigation by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The complaints made to the Gas Consumers Council allege that British Gas was following policies in its supply of gas to industry which are against the public interest and constitute anti-competitive practice.

British Gas said yesterday that it has fully answered the points and explained in detail its contrast pricing policy.

It added that it had also responded to the council on all the complaints the council has sent it.

"Top-level discussions have taken place between the council and the company at which contract pricing has been fully explained. Detailed minutes of these dicussions include a full explanation of the policy."

British Gas said that in the highly competitive industrial energy market, contract gas prices were related to oil product prices and in the past 12 months there had been 22 changes to scheduled oil prices.

"British Gas fully understands that the uncertainties caused by this continuing volatility of the industrial oil market make difficulties for its industrial customers.

"British Gas has been responsive to those concerns and will continue to do what it can to help its contract customers. But it does not believe that customers have any legitimate grounds for complaint. Nor does it believe that there are any grounds for a referral to the Office of Fair Trading."

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Back to drawing board for electricity sale

It is 70 pities that the "credit" for the BP price underpinning scheme should have become a matter of vulgar dispute between the Treasury and the Bank of England, though a similar fracas also took place when Lord Cromer was Governor.

Although Government officials were at some pains to stress that Nigel Lawson's relationship with the present Governor, Robin Leigh-Pemberton, had not been undermined by the Bank's "attempt to knock the gilt off the Chancellor's gingerbread," the spectacle of the Government putting down the Bank has done nothing to ease the City's concern about Mr Lawson's opinion, often privately expressed, of Mr Leigh-Pemberton's gubernatorial qualities.

It would be surprising if several brains in divers places, in the heat of last week's emergency, were not simultaneously devising schemes that might put a floor under the BP share price and help to steady panic-stricken stock markets — once it was apparent that Mr Lawson had retreated from his initial position of total intransigence on the BP issue. In the event the scheme unveiled late on Thursday evening got the Chancellor, and the Government, off a nasty political hook. For his part he deserves full marks for timing, presentation and price. He always had the last word on detail: the suport price of 70p was right whereas 90p would have been a grave error.

While the post mortem does have important aspects, the findings of the inquest are likely to have more lasting significance. For example the London system of underwriting main new issues will not survive in its present form.

The voting public now has it fixed in its mind, unfairly up to a point, that underwriting commissions are extravagant and money for old rope — notwithstanding losses of some £700 million staring BP underwriters in the face yesterday. It is also obvious that the British system of pricing new issues two or more weeks in advance of applications for shares is not only out of line with international practice but a hostage to fortune that needs to be critically examined.

One problem is that shares are marketed here more on the promise of an instant profit on day one than on the investment merits of the stock. Pricing related to market values close to application day would require a process of re-education, and harder work and more marketing skills from the issuing houses.

Even more controversial is Mr Lawson's own suggestion that for future privatization issues he would have to consider whether "we do want to have overseas underwriting." This may be no more than another way of castigating BP's North American underwriters for their greed before the market collapsed and their fear afterwards.

But it has ruffled American feathers and offended both the Europeans and the Japanese. The European group, led by Swiss Bank Corporation International, feels particularly hurt since its members have consistently endeavoured to be constructive in trying to hold shares until they are placed in firm hands and thereby reduce to a minimum any flow back of stock to the London market.

The real point is that London does not have the underwriting capacity for the big privatization issues: British Telecom, British Gas, BP and emphatically electricity. The Government has various options when it comes to selling off electricity. Not of course simply in line with the suggested Lawson doctrine of keeping the foreigners out, but looking at the total BP experience I suspect that it is back to the drawing board for the Treasury and the Department of Energy.

Exit Orion Royal

It is sad for the lively chaps at RBC Gilts that Orion Royal has become the second firm (Lloyds Bank was the first) to bite the bullet and clear out of an overcrowded market. As others assess the results of a year's trading, maybe the general exodus will be soon.

The 26 market-makers have probably already lost £50 million between them, with half a dozen losing enough to really hurt. There was nothing too bad about Orion Royal's RBC operation. Having started from scratch, it had relatively low costs, did not have any great disasters and made only modest losses. The trouble was that it did not get enough of the business. RBC was among the also-rans, the 16 or so of the 26 primary dealers who shared just a third of the business.

Probabaly only four gilt-edged market-makers, mainly big players, have made any money out of a year of hectic competition. The big operators have cause to be patient. The logic of withdrawal for some of the smaller fry is compelling.

The dealers think the market can stand a dozen primary dealers though the Bank of England would no doubt like to keep a few more. It is now a question of who is going to outstare the others. Orion Royal rightly concluded that the five big well-backed players that already take 40 per cent of the business are not going to do the decent thing.

Orion Royal's example may not, of itself, inspire a host of imitators. But the likely entry of the Japanese duo, Nomura and Daiwa, is the writing on the wall. They have the retail network to ensure business. Without that, the prospect of winning sufficient increased share of the market to show a decent return on capital looks minimal.

Burgess sparks at £8.23m

By Michael Tate

Burgess Group, the electronic components manufacturing business, run by Mr Bob Morton, reported profits of £8.23 million in the year to end-August, compared with £6.07 million previously. Both figures have been adjusted to include American Electronic Components, acquired during the summer.

Group turnover increased from £46.7 million to £74.1 million. The final dividend is 2.375p, lifting the total from 2.5p to 3.125p. Earnings per share are up from 16p to 19.3p.

The micro-switch division increased profits by about 20 per cent, says Mr Morton, with sales to the West German automotive industry reaching record levels.

All the subsidiaries have started the current year with strong order books. Although the group has unused borrowing facilities of more than £6 million, and plans for further expansion in North America, the acquisition programme may be suspended while stock markets are so volatile.

Spirits sales soar in second quarter

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

A big turnround in spirits sales in the second quarter of this year — particularly of home-produced ones such as whisky, gin and vodka — has been reported by the Wine and Spirit Association.

In the three months to the end of June, home-produced spirits were up 42.8 per cent compared with the same period the year before; imported spirits, including cognac and other brandies, rum and liqueurs, rose 30.8 per cent. Spirits sales overall were up 39.5 per cent.

The increases have gone some way towards wiping out the effect of poor sales earlier in the year, but a year-on-year analysis shows a still dull performance by the sector.

Over 12 months the market was down 1.2 per cent, with home-produced spirits sales down by 2.6 per cent and imported up 3.4 per cent.

Mr Alastair Eadie, assistant deputy chairman of the association, said: "Year on year we do not expect to see major changes in 1987, although there are ups and downs in the course of the year. The market has recovered from its inauspicious start and I hope to see at least a small advance in the year's final results."

In the second quarter of this year whisky showed a rise of 42.8 per cent, the second largest after the 50 per cent increase notched up in the other spirits category which largely covers vodka. Gin sales were up 35 per cent.

Among imported spirits cognac had a 13.7 per cent increase, while other brandies were up 47 per cent.

Wine sales were up in July, most markedly among the fortified drinks like port, sherry and vermouth. The fortified wine sales were up almost 30 per cent in the month, while light wines — table and sparkling wines — rose 5.8 per cent. There had been a lull in wine sales in June but better weather in July boosted sales, said the association. The good July results might have been partly due to replenishment of low retail stocks.

Ladbroke sells UTP for £34.8m

By Cliff Feltham

Ladbroke, the hotel and betting shop chain, is selling its magazine publishing business, United Trade Press Holdings, to Maxwell Communication Corporation — Mr Robert Maxwell's publishing empire — for £34.8 million.

The sale forms part of a disposal programme launched by Ladbroke after its £645 million takeover earlier this year of the Hilton International hotels group.

Mr Cyril Stein, chairman, said yesterday: "The decision to sell UTP reflects our strategy of concentrating our resources on four core business activities, all of which are performing outstandingly."

Ladbroke is making a stunning profit on the deal, having picked up a 75 per cent holding in UTP three years ago for £1.1 million. The stake was recently topped up to 79 per cent. The balance of the shares are owned by Mr Brian Gilbert, UTP founder and managing director, together with senior executives.

Last year UTP made profits of just over £1 million.

EEC chief in ultimatum on mergers

From Richard Owen
Antwerp

Mr Peter Sutherland, the EEC Commissioner for Competition, yesterday issued an utlimatum to member governments to agree to greater powers for Brussels over planned company mergers within the Community.

Mr Sutherland, the Irish Commissioner, warned governments that he would seek a "clear and unambiguous" response to the European Commission's merger proposals at the next ministerial meeting at the end of this month on completion of the internal markets in Europe.

Addressing a meeting of the Kangaroo Group, an EEC pressure group for the abolition of trade barriers, Mr Sutherland said that EEC anti-trust regulations were not only designed to protect the efficient functioning of the market but also to eliminate barriers between national markets.

Changes in market structure must be made at Community rather than national level, the Commissioner said.

The EEC is now gearing up for the abolition of trade barriers and frontier controls by 1992, as laid down in the recently adopted Single European Act modifying the Treaty of Rome, the EEC's founding document.

Mr Sutherland said it was illogical for EEC governments to favour completion of the internal markets while at the same time opposing anti-trust legislation designed to avoid monopolies and market distortion.

The aim of the proposed merger legislation was to avoid a single enterprise gaining undue dominance over a united European market and thereby inhibiting free competition.

Mr Sutherland acknowledged that the Commission had failed to liberalize air transport as part of its campaign for a competitive maret, but said this was due to an "extraneous" dispute between Spain and Britain over Gibraltar airport.

He said that cheaper airfares would bring home to EEC consumers the value of a Europe without frontiers.

Wondering about Woolies

One person noticeably absent from the Woolworth Holdings contingent to the CBI conference at Glasgow yesterday was Malcolm Parkinson, chief executive of Woolworth retail stores division. In a terse, two-line statement to the Stock Exchange yesterday, the company said that Parkinson, a main board director, "is leaving the group." Parkinson, aged 45, a former marketing director with Woolies' do-it-yourself subsidiary, B&Q, was appointed to the stores' job in July last year, but there had been rumours for some time that his departure was imminent. Other Woolies directors were in Glasgow, and unavailable for comment, and a London spokesman refused to elaborate further because the terms of his departure — a probable golden handshake and the fate of his 134,000 share options at 595p a share, exercisable between 1989 and 1996 — have still to be negotiated. Parkinson owned a further 67,748 shares in the company, worth some £208,000 at last night's closing price of 308p, down 22p on the day. Attempting to avert talk of a boardroom rift, Woolies alludes to the devolution earlier this year of its retail stores division into five virtually autonomous divisions, each with its own MD. "There are no plans to replace him as chief executive," says the spokesman. But talk within the retail trade suggests that brothers Peter and Ronnie Goldstein, who sold their Superdrug chemists chain to Woolworth for £250 million and are now the biggest boardroom shareholders, are set to assume control.

● One of the more amusing games to play at the CBI conference is "Spot the sleepers." Yesterday's prize went to a soundly slumbering gentlemen, stretched almost flat out, who turned out to be a representative from the Cabinet Office.

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Celtic fringe benefits

John Banham, the Cornish director-general of the CBI and ardent campaigner for lower interest rates, told the conference between clenched teeth a story of French financial one-upmanship. He quoted the case of the West Country boatbuilder who wanted to borrow £85,000 for new equipment. "His friendly banker was happy to oblige — in Cornwall all bankers are friendly," he said. "The offer was interest at 13.75 per cent with the principal repaid over four years. The Cornish may be friendly, but they are not stupid. Our boatbuilder had the application translated into French and submitted it to a Breton bank as if it came from a local yard. The result? Five per cent interest with the principal repaid after 10 years." A lesson in effective borrowing, perhaps, for all those over-stretched account traders currently negotiating loans.

What crash?

Confusion reigns at the CBI over the extent of the stock market mayhem and it has emerged fully at its conference at Glasgow. Three times at a pre-conference press briefing, president Sir David Nickson called it a "crash." This was too much for John Banham, the ebullient and bullish director-general, who said it was "most definitely not a crash," nor a meltdown; it was "an adjustment." Back came Sir David with "nosedive." Banham later conceded that it had been a "serious adjustment." He had the final word in his opening speech to the conference, calling it "pandemonium." Most of the 800 delegates seemed to agree.

"The market is still fluctuating madly, I notice"

Luck of the bosses

One of the best public relations coups of the conference was the wheeze dreamed up by the Post Office to take about 100 CBI delegates, their wives and a batch of influential journalists to Glasgow on a special overnight Flying Postman train. The new chairman of the post office, Sir Bryan Nicholson, held court in the train's sorting office. And the presence of British Rail's vice-chairman, David Kirby, probably ensured that the 15-hour journey was completed on time. As the Pullman cars sped through the night, guests dined on melon with port, fresh salmon and Charlotte Russe and, the following morning, they breakfasted on porridge, kippers and oat cakes. All this, however, only served to rub salt into the wounds of the dozen CBI staff who travelled north on the Royal Scot and faced a bleak and deprived journey. One of them bemoaned: "The food ran out at Rugby and the drink by Northampton. It was bloody awful."

Turn-off

The biggest walk-out at the conference came within the first two hours. Sir David Nickson, the president, was announcing a debate on "one of the most crucial aspects" of business life — innovation and the role of design and quality. Hundreds of sober-suited delegates immediately sprang to their feet and were lining up six-deep to get out of the auditorium and into the bars and coffee shops.

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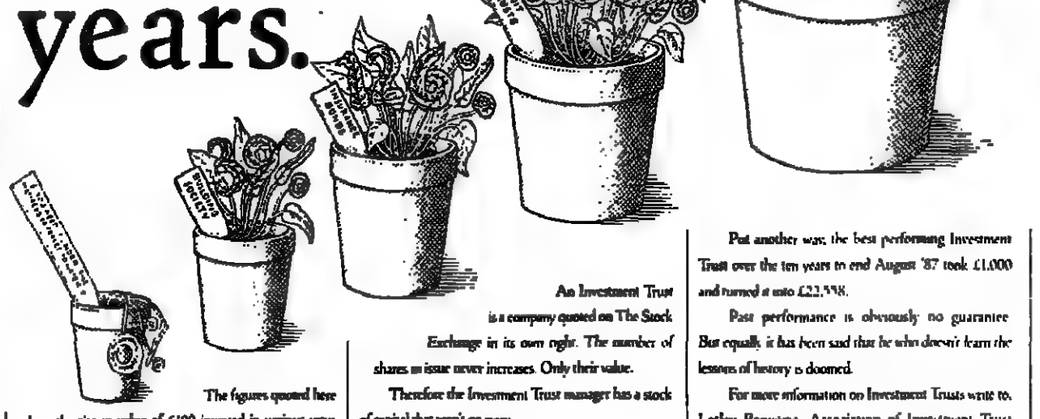

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Banham says forget the crash and invest for growth

Mr John Banham, the director-general of the Confederation of British Industry, told the national conference in Glasgow yesterday that massive investment in manufacturing industry would only be possible on the scale required when interest rates were at competitive levels.

Recalling events in the City in the past few weeks, he said that evey problem brought its opportunities and there was now a golden opportunity to reduce interest rates. This would be an important signal of confidence as Britain had sound economic fundamentals.

He felt that it would be easy for British business to talk itself into depression, but it had come through some tough times, so the latest squalls need hold few terrors. "Now is the time to look beyond the turbulence of the markets and invest for growth," he said.

Business must never forget that despite events of the last three weeks, the City had been doing a magnificent job in tough international market conditions. Last year, it earned more than £9 billion net in foreign exchange, a remarkable achievement.

He said: "Our problem has always been, and remains, the need to create more wealth and this is where investment comes in. We must rebuild our manufacturing base."

Mr Banham criticized present high interest rates and pointed out that most companies would not even contemplate an investment that would take longer than four years to pay for itself. This, inevitably, was a recipe for short-termism. But companies had no alternative, given the present rates of interest.

"Despite all our recent improvements we have been locked into a cycle of relatively low investment, low productivity and low profitability. We must break out of this vicious circle and there is no alternative to investment," he said.

Mr Banham added that the Government must reform the public sector in its third term. Despite all the howls of anguish, public expenditure had gone on rising. What was needed was a public sector with a will to manage.

Over the next four years there was a great opportunity to reform the tax and benefit system, to ensure that the £2 billion-£3 billion a year of value improvements known to be available in local government are delivered. He said that private sector services like catering, cleaning and security should be contracted out and business should ensure that it secures electricity costs that are internationally-competitive.

The latter must be the objective of privatization of the electricity supply industry.

The resources were available as waste in the public sector alone was probably costing businesses more than £5 billion a year. But it still made no sense for business to look to the Government to solve all its problems.

"Too many of us are still paying out more in wages than we are getting back in performance" he said.

The director-general set out what he thought should be some of the CBI's targets over the next few years. He said that within the next five years he would like to see all 5,500 secondary schools in Britain twinned effectively with the local business community.

He wanted both the investment in training and the proportion of graduates going into industry and commerce doubled.

Mr Banham said that business should be playing the lead role in reviving inner cities and it should be properly priced to exploit the opportunity of the single European market.

Tough talking from, left, John Banham, director-general, and David Puttnam, film-maker

REGIONAL GROWTH

Why moving makes sense

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, the Secretary of State for Scotland, told the conference that in the 1990s industry would be increasingly on the move to Scotland, Wales and northern areas of England for basic industrial commonsense rather than for financial inducements.

He said that if the Germans could penetrate British markets and the Japanese could do so from the other side of the world, there could be few arguments more spurious than the suggestion that a few hundred miles north of Watford, Hertfordshire, was all the difference between profitability and failure for British industry.

The Secretary of State praised British industry for the sensible way in which it has responded to recent convulsions on stock exchanges round the world.

The situation had been helped by the fact that the British economy was enormously stronger than it had been for many years.

He speculated what might have been the implications if the public sector borrowing requirement had been at the high level of some years ago.

Mr Rifkind rejected the idea that "popular capitalism" was over and said that the Government had been encouraging the public to understand that it should not indulge in gambling or speculation but that it should indulge in investment.

He considered small investors in Britain were wiser and more mature as a consequence of recent experiences.

He welcomed the setting up of the CBI task force on urban regeneration, and inner cities.

In Scotland, the main problems would be those of peripheral housing estates in Glasgow and other urban areas

Study group

The CBI is to set up a task force to study the adequacy of industry's approach to education. Sir David Nickson, the president, said it would report its findings within a year.

Sir Adrian Cadbury, chairman of Cadbury Schweppes and a member of the CBI policy-forming body, will lead the task force.

The announcement was made at the end of a debate on the link between education and industry. It was addressed by Mr John Abbott, the director of Education 2000 which promotes such a link in Hertfordshire.

CODE OF CONDUCT

In search of better managers

A code of best practice is to be established, encouraging companies to improve management development.

The conference endorsed the proposal in a resolution, moved by Sir Edwin Nixon, chairman of IBM (UK), expressing concern that many manufacturing companies were having difficulties recruiting future leaders.

It called for CBI initiatives to encourage talented young people to take up careers in industry and considered that a code of best practice would ensure management development and training were taken more seriously.

Sir David Nickson, president of the CBI and chairman of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, said it was also considering setting up a management charter group comprising leading companies.

A code of practice would spur all companies to improve the quality of their management.

Mr Robert Reid, of Shell UK, said the key to maintaining the momentum of industrial recovery was professional management. To secure this, management should become a recognized profession.

"This requires an architecture of education and development processes leading to a national, recognized qualification."

ENVIRONMENT

Puttnam warns industrialists

Mr David Puttnam, the film producer and president of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, told the conference that industrialists would underestimate the pressure to clean up the environment "at your peril."

If the environment were not respected, he said, "I promise you it will bite back. Let us all acknowledge and welcome it — or we shall certainly be the losers."

Mr Puttnam, who had flown from Hollywood to address the conference on environmental investment,said: "You have a personal and a national interest in seeing that environmental safeguards are enforced evenly throughout the European community."

Mr Puttnam — producer of *Chariots Of Fire* — attacked the Government over nuclear power. He said it was striking that the prospect of privatizing electricity, and introducing real competition to the supply of power, had hardly been greeted with overwhelming enthusiasm by nuclear industry leaders.

Two weeks ago, Lord Marshall of Goring, chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board, had owned up to the fact that nuclear power in Britain had never, in its 30 years of use, been economic.

Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, had said that Britain possessed 500 years of stockpiled plutonium, said Mr Puttman, while he continued to finance at large cost the development of a fast-breeder reactor at Dounreay, whose only advantage was to produce more plutonium. "That makes Dounreay the most expensive job creation project in history."

Mr Puttnam added: "How many of you will truly be rushing forward with your pension funds when the Government offers us all the chance to buy a share in seven gigawatts of used nuclear reactors, decommissioning and insurance costs unknown, later in this Parliament? There is possibly a better way to spend your money."

The conference passed a resolution stating that business accepted its responsibilities towards the environment.

It added: "However policies and initiatives in this field must not be based on emotion but must balance benefits to the environment against the need for companies to be internationally competitive."

Conference reports by Edward Townsend, Alan Wood and Peter Mulligan

Poll tax 'would throw up big business losers'

A resolution hostile to Government plans for rates reform was carried by a substantial majority.

It said the proposed reforms would lead neither to greater accountability nor a clear connection between spending and local taxation.

After the debate, during which only one speaker supported government plans, Sir David Nickson, the CBI president, promised the CBI would publish alternative proposals within 10 days.

The resolution was moved by Mr Michael Davis, of Greenall Whitley, who said: "The uniform business rate, coinciding with the first revaluation in England and Wales since 1973, will throw up some big losers in the business community. The business rate currently amounts to around £8 billion. It is one of the main taxes paid by business.

"It hits company profits and share prices. To have large, sudden and arbitrary changes in this cost is not on." He said the business community should be de-rated by 25 per cent or around £2 billion.

Because the Government had refused to do this, the CBI was now lining up with the Government's many opponents on rating reform.

However, the objective of the reforms — that councils should be accountable to the electorate for the money spent — had the wholehearted support of business.

Mr John Mills, of the Yorkshire and Humberside region, told of a recent meeting of 65 senior businessmen and women, none of whom supported the Government's proposals. "They describe them as ineffective, unfair and unworkable."

Mr Malcolm Smith, of Alex Lawrie Factors, gave a warning that the proposed reforms would mean business being unable, locally, to influence the decision-makers at county halls. Local consultation would be destroyed.

Mr G Drake, of Penrhyn Quarries, said that the government proposals were ill thought out and ill conceived. He warned delegates to beware of hidden costs in the proposals.

Sir David Nickson said that the CBI council had instructed him to pursue private discussions with the Government.

It was important for those delegates who felt strongly about the reform of the rating system to speak locally to people in a position to do something about it.

It was clear from the context of the debate that conference was not happy with the Government's proposals for a uniform business rate.

POWER

Calls to cut prices

Mr Lewis Davies, the chairman of the CBI Welsh Council, said that industry was not in the game of paying for the ideologies of political parties when he successfully moved a resolution emphasizing the need for British industry to have the benefit of competitive electricity prices.

He said that in Wales they had heard rumours that the Government might increase prices to make the electricity supply industry more attractive to potential investors. He went on: "If such a move is necessary to attract buyers I would submit there is no case for privatization."

He was echoing earlier comments by Mr John Banham, the CBI director general, that there must be internationally competitive electricity costs and this must be the objective of privatization. Any talk of increases simply to get privatization away was quite unacceptable, said Mr Banham.

The resolution also called on the CBI to undertake a major publicity campaign on the merits of nuclear power.

Mr Christopher Harding, of British Nuclear Fuels, said that over the next three or four years it will be spending £500 million on improving discharges and better handling of effluent.

Mr Roger Farrance of the Electricity Council, said it was well aware of the need to supply industry at the lowest possible prices but it was moving from a period of surplus capacity to one where considerable new investment would be needed.

Stock market fall 'does not herald a world recession'

Bonn (AP-Dow Jones) — West Germany's five main economic research institutes said yesterday that the stock market crash does not forebode a worldwide recession.

The five institutes, which publish a joint report on the economy twice a year, say that, though the steep fall in share prices introduces more uncertainty into the economic picture, they are confident that policy measures in the leading industrialized countries will assure continued economic growth, albeit somewhat slower.

In West Germany, the institutes forecast a real or price-adjusted increase in gross national product of 1.75 per cent in 1987, after 2.4 per cent in 1986. The outlook for 1988 calls for 2 per cent growth.

The institutes expect the US economy to expand by 2.75 per cent this year and 2.5 per cent in 1988.

As factors of uncertainty resulting from developments on the stock market, the joint report cites a possible slowdown in investment and increased difficulties for industrial companies to finance expansion through share issues. The report said it has tried to take account of these uncertainties by making cautious estimates.

Private consumption will be the main engine for the West German economy in 1987 as well as in 1988, the report says. Private spending is forecast to rise 3 per cent both this year and next. Real disposable income is expected to rise 3.5 per cent in 1987 and 4.5 per cent in 1988.

But the nation's exports will continue to rise at a slower pace than imports. Exports, expected to be flat this year, are seen rising 3.5 per cent in 1988, while imports are forecast to increase 4 per cent this year and 5 per cent next.

The institutes note that, because world trade is expected to grow faster than West German exports, the country's industry is likely to lose worldwide market share next year.

The current account surplus is expected to shrink to DM65 billion (£22 billion) in 1988 from an estimated DM75 billion in 1987.

To provide more immediate stimulus to the domestic economy, the institutes repeated the call, made in their April joint report, to move forward the government's tax-reform package now scheduled to take effect in 1990. They said such a move could even be considered urgent in view of the negative effects the country's shrinking exports have on the economy.

"It is still valid that whatever serves the improvement of growth conditions should be done as early as possible," said Herr Horst Seidler, an economist at one of the institutes, DIW.

The institutes question whether the government's proposed controversial introduction of a 10 per cent withholding tax on interest income, to finance part of the tax cut, will have the desired effect. They note that it is doubtful whether the planned revenue of about DM4 billion can be raised.

The report also notes that, because the move is likely to raise interest rates, it will increase the state's financing costs. It foresees that West German consumer prices, which dropped by 0.2 per cent in 1986, will rise 0.5 per cent in 1987. The price rise will be a steeper 2 per cent in 1988, the report predicts.

A majority of the five institutes said a continued overshooting of the Bundesbank's money supply growth targets will sooner or later cause a rise in prices. But DIW, in a dissenting opinion, said it does not share the immediate inflation concerns of the other institutes. Instead, DIW said a tighter monetary policy would have had a negative impact on domestic investment and economic growth.

The four-institute majority also forecast a 1988 money supply growth target of about 5 per cent, after a 1987 target range of 3 to 6 per cent. The Bundesbank is expected to revise its target range before year-end.

The institutes predict that the 9 per cent unemployment rate will stay unchanged in 1987 and will only change marginally to 9.1 per cent in 1988.

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

Cray agrees £8m deal to purchase Lloyd

Cray Electronics Holdings has acquired Lloyd Instruments, the electrical teaching machines business, for up to £8 million, depending on future profitability. Lloyd was formed in 1985 as a vehicle to enable the management of JJ Lloyd Instruments and Educational Measurements, backed by institutions, to buy the businesses from the original owners.

Cray is paying £5.95 million down – £5.65 million in cash and the rest in shares – and will pay up to a further £2.06 million if certain profits targets are reached over the next three years.

Unit Group leaps 25%

Unit Group, the timber pallet manufacturer quoted on the Third Market, raised pretax profits by 25 per cent to £360,446 in the first six months. Turnover went up 24 per cent to £8.1 million. There is an interim dividend of 1.25p a share. Mr Philip Davies, the chairman, said the directors considered the outlook for the rest of the year to be encouraging.

Blue Arrow buys IPS

Blue Arrow has acquired IPS, a recruitment agency specializing in the supply of insurance industry personnel. The purchase price is an initial £800,000, made up of 586,000 Blue Arrow shares and £200,000 in cash with more to follow if IPS achieves profits above £200,000 in the current year. In 1986 IPS made profits of £181,000.

Pict loss at £102,000

Losses at Pict Petroleum, the oil and gas explorer, where Amerada Hess took a 42.5 per cent stake in February, have been slashed. The year to end-June produced a deficit of £102,000 against the £3.17 million loss incurred in the previous year.

The expansion programme, facilitated by the £5.26 million cash injection from the new backers, has brought in an onshore exploration interest in France, and the board forecasts that further similar interests will be taken up outside Britain as the company develops. Tempus, page 26

WORLD MARKETS ROUND-UP: TOKYO

Shares rally in mixed trading

Tokyo share prices, which made sharp gains last Friday and Saturday, managed a slight increase yesterday after mixed trading on the Tokyo stock exchange.

The 225-share Nikkei average gained a marginal 26.69 points to close at 23,358.60 as early losses were wiped out by a late rally. Volume was estimated at 550 million shares as investors played a waiting game before a national holiday today and the opening of overseas markets after the Tokyo close.

Most of the action centered on domestic demand-related shares as the market shook off a renewed decline in the dollar to Y137.58 and attracted institutional investors.

Earlier, the falling dollar – down Y0.97 to within Y0.03 of the post-war low in Tokyo – had made most traders bearish and the Nikkei average was off more than 200 points at noon.

Prospects for the rest of week are mixed and are likely to depend on what happens in Europe and North America during the holiday closure here, market watchers said.

SYDNEY

Australian issues soar

Australian share prices soared yesterday as investors, encouraged by Friday's rises in London and Wall Street, pumped Aus$6 billion (£2.33 billion) back in.

The All-Ordinaries index, recorded its second highest points rise, closing 66 points, or 5 per cent, higher at 1,360.

Of the world's 19 leading markets, Australia was hit hardest in last month's crash. It fell by 45.8 per cent compared with a 23.6 per cent fall in Wall Street, 24.6 per cent in London and 11.8 per cent in Tokyo.

Bargain-hunters chased stocks from the opening bell, pushing the All-Ordinaries 64 points higher in the first 30 minutes of trade. However, a static Tokyo market suppressed the local bullishness.

Market leader BHP rose 40 cents to Aus$7.90, CRA 35 cents to Aus$5.10 and the News Corporation Aus$1.50 to Aus$11.50.

FRANKFURT

Market finishes lower

Share prices closed a nervous bourse lower but off the worst levels of the session yesterday, undermined by expectations that the dollar will decline further, dealers said.

Uncertainty about the global trend of share prices also weighed on sentiment and small-scale selling out of London pushed prices down.

Dealers said investors were still taking little notice of economic fundamentals. "The dollar and the trend on other world bourses determine share prices here at the moment," one said.

The dollar was set sharply lower at DM1.7204 after DM1.7393 on Friday, even though according to Frankfurt dealers the Bundesbank bought $49.9 million at the fix and moderate amounts of dollar in the morning.

The Commerzbank index of 60 leading shares fell 20.7 points or 1.4 per cent to 1,505.3.

HONG KONG

Brokers optimistic despite index fall

Share prices ended lower yesterday in light trading on the Hong Kong stock exchange.

Brokers said the panic selling and chaotic market conditions of last week were replaced by normal trading. The Hang Seng index fell 36.90 points to 2,203.23. Turnover slipped to HK$1.343 billion (£105 million) from HK$1.715 billion on Friday.

Prices dropped across the board, but only the utility sector suffered heavy losses.

Trading remained concentrated in blue chip shares.

Within the first hour of trading, however, the market had given back its early gains, and prices moved steadily downhill.

Despite the losses, brokers were in an optimistic mood. They said the heavy selling from foreign institutional investors that characterized last week's dealing had dropped off.

"Trading has gone back to normal," one broker said.

WALL STREET

Dow manages an opening rally

New York (Reuter) – The stock market turned higher in early trading yesterday following profit-taking on strong blue chip gains last Thursday and Friday, brokers said.

They had expected early bargain buying, which they say has now overcome profit-taking.

The dollar was lower as the Group of Seven nations expected an orderly decline.

The Dow Jones industrial average, after being up six points at about 2,000, slipped 2.15 to 1,991.38 at one stage when the transport indicator was up 17.65 to 774.89 and the utilities average up 1.78 to 184.33.

Observers said said some further gains were possible, but the Dow industrial average faced a long period of base-building for a new support area.

The broader New York Stock Exchange composite index rose 0.47 to 141.27 while Standard & Poor's 500 share index was up 0.97 to 252.76.

Advancing issues took a small lead over declines.

Among active issues, IBM gained ⅛ to 122⅞ while General Electric was down ⅞ at 47.

● New factory orders in September rose 1.1 per cent to a seasonally adjusted $205.70 billion (£119.59 billion), the US Commerce Department said in Washington yesterday.

The September increase compared with a revised decline of 1.3 per cent in August to an adjusted $203.39 billion. The department had previously reported a 1.7 per cent decline in August factory orders.

September factory orders, excluding defence capital goods, rose 1.3 per cent after a 1.2 per cent decline in August.

Orders for durable goods in September rose 1.8 per cent to an adjusted $108.63 billion after falling 2.3 per cent to $106.68 billion in August.

The department also reported that orders for non-defence capital goods in September decreased 0.3 per cent to an adjusted $29.46 billion, following a decrease of 7.6 per cent in August.

	Oct 30	Oct 29
AMR Cp	35%	[illegible]
ASA	46	49
Aetna Life	51½	50%
Allied Signal	36%	34½
Allis Chlm	1%	1%
Alcoa	43	40½
Amax Inc	15%	14½
AMR Hess	26½	24½
Am Brands	42%	43%
Am Cynmd	40	37½
Am Ele Pwr	27%	27½
Amexs	24%	23%
Am Home	71	71½
Am Int Grp	68%	66%
Am Stand	36%	35%
Am Telph	29%	29%
Amoco Cp	70%	69½
Armco Steel	9%	8%
Asarco Inc	18%	15%
Ashland Oil	51	49%
Atl Richfld	77%	76%
Avon Prod	24%	23½
Bk Boston	23%	22½
Bank NY	34½	31
Bankamer	8%	8%
Bkrs Tst NY	32½	32½
Baxter	23%	23%
Beth Steel	12	10%
Boeing	38%	37%
Boise Casc	57%	53½
Borden	45½	42%
Bristl Meyr	43½	43%
BP	53%	55%
Brunswick	16%	15%
Burl Ind	n.a	n.a
Burl Nth	59%	57%
CBS	172%	170
CMS Engy	14½	13½
CPC Int	40	40½
CSX Cp	26%	24%
Cmpbell Sp	54½	52½
Can Pacific	17%	14%
Caterpillar	49%	47½
Centrl SW	31½	31½
Champion	29%	27%
Chase Man	27½	27%
Chem NY	27	25%
Chevron	43%	42½
Chrysler	26%	25½
Citicorp	40½	38%
Clark Eq	20%	19%
Coca Cola	41%	42
Colgate	41%	42½
Columb Gas	43	43½
Cmb'tn Eng	29%	29
Cmwlth Edi	27%	26½
Cons Edis	43½	43
Consol Ng	35½	36%
Cont Data	26%	23%
Corning Gl	48%	45%
Crane	21	19%
Curtiss Wrt	48%	48
Data Genl	21½	20%
Deere Co	28%	27%
Delta Air	38%	37%
Detroit Edi	14%	14%
Digital Eq	136%	134½
Disney	55½	51%
Dow Chem	74	69%
Dressr Ind	21%	21%
Dupont	90½	88
Duke Pwr	48	47%
East Kodak	55%	54%
Eaton Cp	69%	66½
Emerson El	30	30½
Emery Air	5%	4%
Exxon	42	41½
Farah Inc	8%	8%
Fedders	8%	5%

	Oct 30	Oct 29
Firestone	30%	29%
Fst Chicago	23	20%
Fst Int Bncp	41%	40%
Fst Penn C	8%	8
FT Wachva	33%	33
Ford Motor	75%	73%
GAF Cp	45½	41½
GTE Cp	37%	37½
Gen Cp	69%	64
Gn Dynam	50	51½
Gen Electric	47%	45%
Gen Inst	30%	27
Gen Mills	49	48
Gen Motors	58%	59%
Gen Pub Ut	24	23%
Genesco	3%	3%
Georgia Pac	33%	31½
Gillette	30%	29%
Goodrich	33%	32%
Goodyear	47%	48%
Gould Inc	14%	14%
Grace Co	43%	41%
Grt Atl Pac	34%	33
Greyhnd	25%	25%
Gruman	21%	21%
Gulf & West	66%	66%
Heinz	41%	40%
Hercules	48%	46
Hewlett Pk	50%	48
Honeywell	56%	53½
IC Ind	25%	28%
ITT Cp	52%	53
INCO	15%	14
Ing Rand Wi	30%	29½
Inland Steel	20%	19%
IBM	123	120½
Int Paper	37%	33%
Irving Bk	48%	44%
Jhsn & Jhsn	80	79
K Mart	29%	26%
Kaisertech	9%	9½
Kerr McGee	32%	29%
Kimbrly Clrk	52%	50½
Kraft	48%	47%
Kroger	26%	26%
LTV Cp	3	2%
Litton	77%	70%
Lockheed	40%	38%
Lucky Str	24%	24
Man H'nver	31	29½
Manville	2%	2%
Mapco	42%	42
Marine Mid	77%	74½
Mt Marietta	38%	36%
Masco	24%	22½
Mcdonalds	45%	44½
McDonnell	60%	59%
Mead Cp	32%	29%
Merck	181½	179
Minsta Mng	59	57%
Mobil	40	39½
Monsanto	70%	64
Morgan Jp	38	37½
Motorola	48%	44%
NCR	62%	57½
NL Indstrs	6%	6½
Nat Distill	61%	53%
Nat Md Ent	18%	18%
Nat Semi	13%	12%
Norfolk Sth	23%	23
NW Bancrp	36	35
Occid Petl	27	24%
Ogden Cp	27%	25%
Olin Cp	35%	33½
PPG Ind	30%	29%
Pac Gas El	17%	17½
Pan Am	3%	3
Penney JC	43%	40%
Pennzoil	51%	52%

	Oct 30	Oct 29
Pepsico	33%	34%
Pfizer	52%	51½
Phelps Dod	32%	29%
Philip Mor	92%	91½
Philip Ptrl	11%	11%
Polaroid	23%	22%
Pmerica	28%	27½
Proct Gble	87½	85%
Pub S E G	23%	23%
Raytheon	68%	67½
Rynlds Met	37%	33%
Rockwell Int	18%	18%
Royal Dutch	110%	109
SFE Sopac	50½	50%
Sara Lee	36%	38%
Schlumb	34%	32
Scott Pap	64½	62%
Seagram	58%	54%
Sears Roeb	35%	34%
Shell Trans	72%	72%
Singer	44%	41
Smith Beck	60%	60%
Sony Cp	29%	28%
Sth Cal Edi	32%	31%
SW Bell	38%	38%
Squibb	77	75%
Sterl Drug	54	58%
Stevens JP	27%	25%
Sun Comp	52%	50%
TRW Inc	49	45%
Teledyne	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tenneco	44%	43
Texaco	32%	29%
Tex Eastn	24	21%
Texas Inst	48%	47%
Tex Util	28%	28%
Textron	22%	20%
Travelers	36%	35%
USG	35%	37%
USX Cp	27%	25%
Unilever Plc	34	33%
Un Carbide	21%	19%
Un Pac Cp	58	49%
Unisys Cp	34%	31%
Utd Brands	38	37%
Utd Tech	35%	35%
Unocal	28%	27%
Walter Jim	59%	59%
Warn Lamb	68%	66%
Wells Far	42%	43%
Westg El	47%	46%
Weyerhsr	37%	35%
Whirlpool	23%	23%
Woolworth	33%	32%
Xerox Cp	57%	53
Zenith	13%	12%

CANADIAN PRICES

	Oct 30	Oct 29
Agnco Eag	20%	18%
Alcan Alum	33%	31
Algoma Stl	15%	14%
Can Pacific	22%	19%
Cominco	14%	12%
Con Bathrst	15%	14%
Hawk S Can	19%	19
Hud Bay M	19	19%
Imasco	27	26%
Imperial Oil	63	59%
Int Pipe	41%	41%
Royl Trstco	14	13%
Seagram	76%	72
Shelco 'A'	35	34
Thmsn N 'A'	25½	23½
Varity Cp	2%	2%
WCT	14%	14
Weston	31	29%

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Lyon (*338)	300	55	58	63	12	15	20
	330	35	50	63	23	28	35
	360	22	35	48	38	43	47
Bass (*835)	800	75	110	130	43	65	68
	850	48	80	100	70	80	93
	900	30	45	60	95	115	120
Brit Air (*141)	140	25	35	44	20	27	35
	160	15	24	35	34	37	47
	180	8	18	34	50	50	57
Brit Com (*343)	300	60	75	85	20	25	30
	330	43	55	65	30	40	47
	360	28	38	50	45	53	60
Brit Gas (*147)	130	27	32	35	6	11	15
	140	—	33	37	—	16	22
	160	—	25	30	—	19	25
BP (*258)	240	33	42	53	11	22	27
	260	19	32	42	20	30	40
	280	—	22	33	—	43	48
Britoil (*209)	200	38	50	52	23	30	38
	220	27	35	42	33	42	47
	240	17	27	38	43	55	60
Cons Gold (*638)	750	150	180	190	35	70	100
	800	120	150	160	60	100	130
	850	95	125	140	95	140	170
Courtauld (*340)	330	45	55	70	30	35	42
	360	30	37	48	50	55	80
	390	18	27	37	70	75	80
	420	8	18	25	95	100	105
Com Union (*322)	300	50	66	75	25	30	45
	330	35	45	55	35	40	50
	360	23	33	45	50	60	70
C & W (*325)	260	80	94	115	10	20	30
	280	70	82	100	17	32	42
	300	60	70	80	25	37	52
	330	42	57	65	40	52	65
GEC (*189)	160	42	52	62	7	12	18
	180	24	35	45	16	22	25
	200	15	26	32	25	32	35
GKN (*289)	240	55	60	73	17	28	37
	260	43	53	65	26	37	47
	280	33	45	58	35	50	58
	300	23	40	48	48	63	73
Grand Met (*407)	360	68	75	88	10	20	23
	390	48	55	65	20	30	38
	420	33	40	52	35	45	50
	460	17	27	40	62	72	75
ICI (*1060)	1000	155	170	200	75	100	105
	1050	130	140	180	95	120	130
	1100	105	120	155	120	150	160
	1150	[illegible]	105	135	155	180	[illegible]
Jaguar (*320)	280	62	70	85	20	32	[illegible]
	300	52	62	77	30	42	48
	330	35	47	66	45	65	66
Land Sec (*450)	420	60	70	83	30	35	40
	460	42	52	62	48	55	63
	500	25	33	45	68	75	90
M & S (*200)	200	32	32	38	18	22	30
	220	14	22	30	28	34	38
	240	7	16	20	46	50	52
R-Royce (*134)	120	27	35	40	10	15	18
	130	20	25	35	15	20	25
	140	14	17	22	20	23	30
	160	6	13	20	37	37	48
Shell (*1035)	1000	107	145	170	80	105	135
	1050	82	120	156	103	135	166
	1100	65	96	135	127	160	196
Storehse (*259)	260	38	48	60	23	28	33
	280	23	[illegible]	37	33	37	40
	300	18	32	43	50	55	58
	330	12	23	30	73	75	75
Trafalgar (*314)	280	53	65	75	10	17	20
	300	37	48	60	25	30	35
	330	17	33	46	40	47	52
TSB (*111)	110	16	22	28	10	15	18
	120	12	17	22	18	22	[illegible]
	130	7	12	15	28	28	30
Woolworth (*315)	280	80	70	80	10	15	22
	300	40	55	60	25	47	32
	330	22	40	45	30	40	45
	360	—	28	—	—	55	—

	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Amstrad (*127)	110	35	45	52	10	15	25
	120	28	38	45	15	25	30
	130	20	30	37	23	28	35
Barclays (*470)	420	80	100	115	25	35	45
	460	55	75	90	35	50	60
	500	30	50	70	70	85	[illegible]
Beecham (*420)	360	78	95	103	18	27	32
	390	56	80	90	25	37	43
	420	40	67	76	40	52	57
	460	25	45	60	68	75	83
Boots (*241)	220	34	45	53	9	17	22
	240	22	35	45	20	25	32
	260	14	25	35	34	35	40
BTR (*247)	220	45	55	65	15	23	25
	240	25	35	45	23	35	35
	260	17	25	35	35	48	50
Blue Circ (*356)	300	65	77	87	7	10	20
	330	40	57	67	17	25	32
	360	—	43	52	—	43	57
Dixons (*280)	240	37	47	58	15	20	22
	260	26	37	47	25	27	30
	280	19	30	38	32	38	52
De Beers (*1060)	1050	100	—	—	60	—	—
	1100	70	—	—	110	—	—
De Beers	1200	50	—	—	190	—	—
	1300	30	—	—	280	—	—
Glaxo (*1145)	1050	150	180	205	60	65	80
	1100	120	150	180	80	85	100
	1150	100	125	155	110	115	120
	1200	75	105	135	140	140	150
Hanson (*135)	110	30	33	38	4	7	11
	120	22	26	31	7	11	15
	130	16	21	25	11	16	20
	140	11	16	20	17	22	28
Lonrho (*235)	200	50	60	70	9	14	20
	220	38	48	55	20	25	32
	240	—	37	48	—	33	42
	260	—	28	38	—	47	52
Midland (*356)	360	40	65	75	36	50	58
	390	27	50	65	50	65	75
	420	—	35	50	—	80	90
Sears (*132)	120	18	24	29	6	12	15
	130	12	19	24	11	15	18
	140	8	14	19	17	20	23
Tesco (*171)	160	—	30	38	—	17	20
	167	18	—	—	15	—	—
	183	9	19	—	28	27	—
Thorn EMI (*479)	420	100	120	145	20	30	40
	460	70	70	115	40	52	60
	500	50	70	85	60	85	96
	550	20	30	50	88	105	120
THF (*200)	180	40	53	57	12	18	28
	200	25	33	40	20	30	37
	220	13	25	38	35	45	38
Unilever (*486)	420	95	115	125	15	30	38
	460	60	90	100	27	45	55
	500	40	65	80	48	65	75
Wellcome (*336)	300	60	75	95	28	30	40
	330	50	60	75	35	45	55
	360	30	47	60	50	65	75

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAA (*111)	100	18	28	35	5	15	15
	110	10	20	25	10	16	22
	120	5	8	20	16	25	27
Brit Aero (*336)	360	15	38	50	35	50	67
	390	7	30	40	80	72	87
	420	5	22	32	90	95	108
BAT Ind (*444)	390	70	90	100	7	15	25
	420	45	68	80	15	28	37
	460	20	50	62	38	40	55
	500	11	30	43	55	65	80
Brit Tele (*233)	220	22	33	42	7	15	23
	240	10	23	32	15	27	37
	260	5	12	22	32	40	45
Cadbury (*229)	220	23	32	38	8	14	18
	240	13	19	25	17	22	28
	260	5	13	18	35	40	42
Guinness (*255)	240	28	35	47	19	18	27
	260	15	25	35	22	30	40
	280	8	18	25	38	45	53
Ladbroke (*354)	300	63	75	88	4	10	18
	330	35	50	62	8	18	25
	360	12	35	45	23	30	50
LASMO (*242)	240	27	40	53	25	35	42
	260	18	27	38	35	43	53
	280	12	23	33	50	50	60
Pilkngtn (*218)	180	45	55	70	5	8	13
	200	28	43	53	13	17	25
	220	13	33	40	20	20	33
	240	7	20	28	35	35	45
Plessey (*149)	140	20	33	40	8	17	22
	160	9	21	29	23	30	34
	180	6	12	19	38	42	47
P & O (*526)	420	110	125	130	4	10	15
	460	72	90	100	12	23	30
	500	37	67	73	28	37	43
Prudential (*800)	750	140	180	200	25	45	55
	800	100	140	170	35	65	65
	850	70	120	140	45	75	80
Racal (*214)	200	27	37	47	12	17	23
	220	18	28	35	18	27	32
	240	8	20	26	30	40	47
RTZ (*320)	300	55	90	95	17	35	50
	330	—	75	75	—	60	75
	360	17	60	60	70	85	100
	390	13	50	50	90	105	120
Vaal Reefs (*108)	110	6	18	24	15	25	27
	120	4%	14	19	23	28	33
	130	3	11	15	32	36	40
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*£107)	102	4%	4%	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	—
	104	2%	2%	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	—
	106	1%	1½	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	—
	108	[illegible]	%	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	—
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*£118)	110	8%	8%	[illegible]	%	[illegible]	[illegible]
	112	6%	7½	7%	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	114	[illegible]	6%	6%	%	[illegible]	[illegible]
	116	3%	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3%
	118	2%	[illegible]	[illegible]	1%	[illegible]	4%

FT-SE INDEX (*1730)

Series	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
1600	180	210	[illegible]	—	[illegible]	85	110	—
1650	145	180	205	—	75	105	130	—
1700	110	150	180	210	90	130	155	180
1750	90	130	155	185	120	155	180	210
1800	70	110	135	170	150	185	210	235
1850	52	95	115	-	185	215	240	-
1900	45	80	100	-	225	250	275	
1950	28	70	90		265	285	310	

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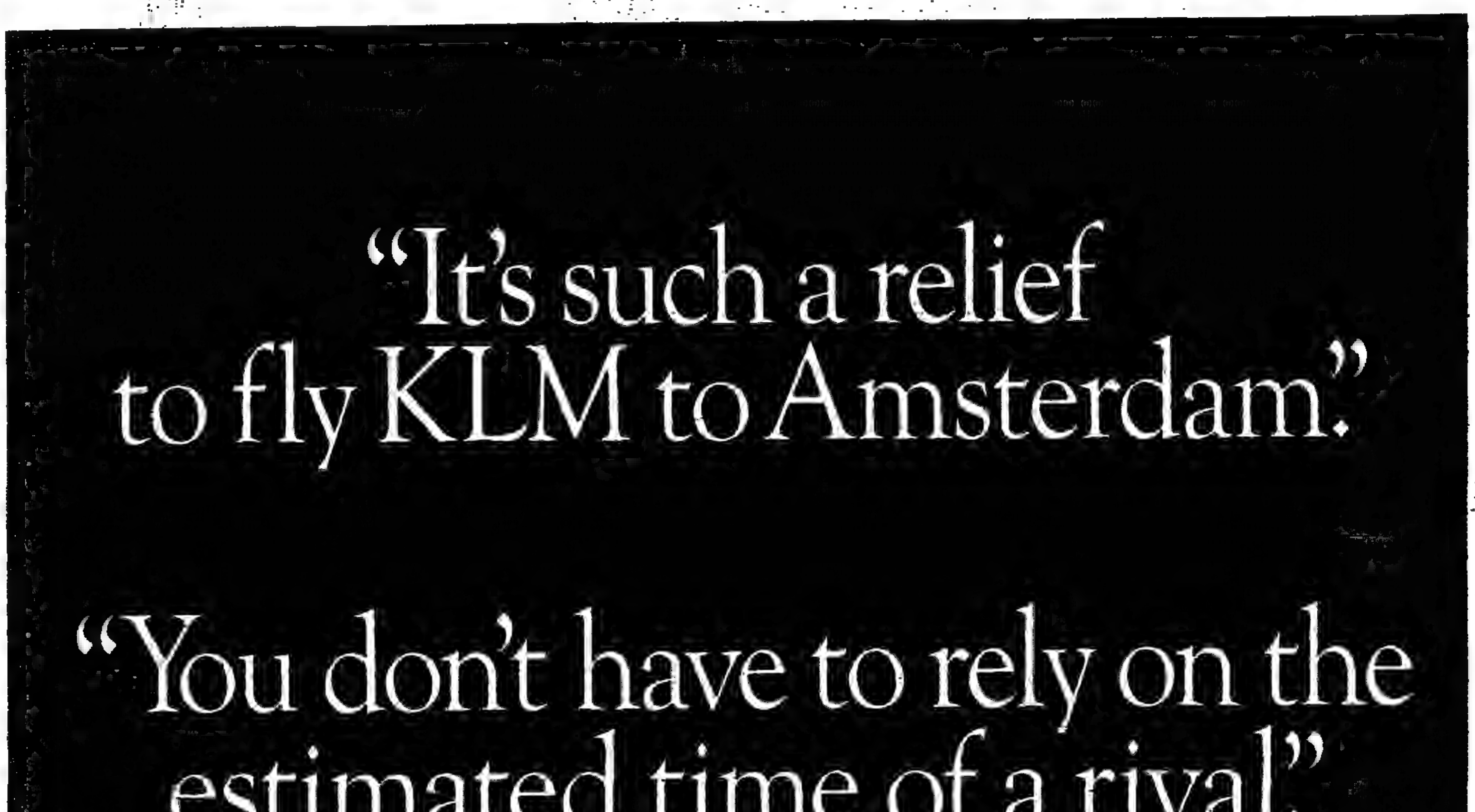

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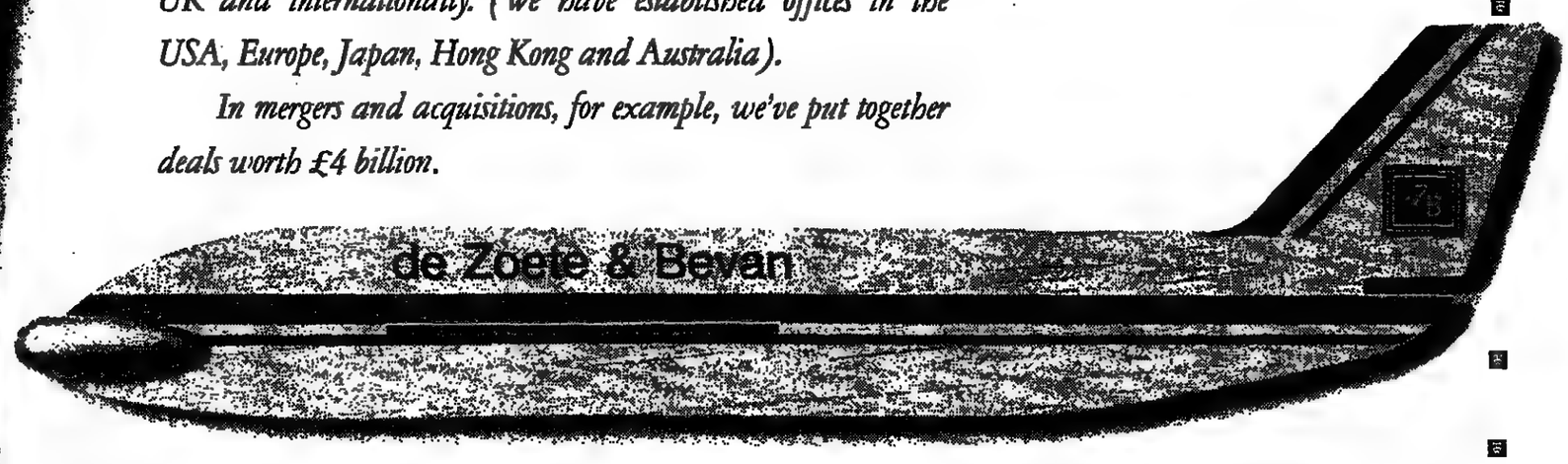

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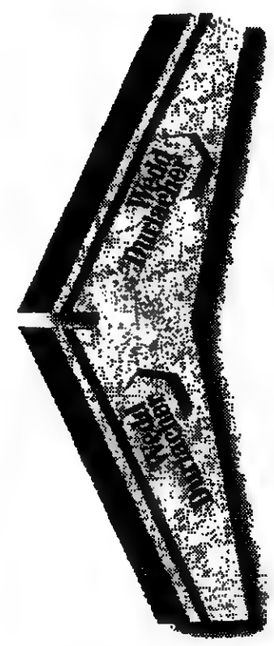

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Brussels: 1992 and all that (III)

Small firms: on a European hiding to nothing?

In his third report on the EEC Commission, John Raven suggests entrepreneurs should contact the EEC Task Force for advice and financial assistance

Asking what "1992" – a genuine internal market in goods and services – may mean to small firms raises a *quick, secondary query about* what "small firms" may mean in 1987.

Brussels bureaucrats have defined small and medium-sized enterprises, or SMEs, as companies with a workforce below 500 and a capital of less than £60 million. Dragging in "medium-sized" produces a hopelessly loose categorial fit. Our own Bolton Commission on Small Firms worked on more realistic parameters of 200 workers and £200,000 capital, in 1971 money.

Such statistical semantics apart, the sort of small business on which public and political attention is centred throughout the Community is *on a much smaller scale of* smallness than that measured for SMEs.

Definition may be difficult, but description worse. Politicians, while still churning out detailed legislation, have cut small firms' burdens of form-filling in a series of pious, public relations purges. Thousands of businesses have been wiped off the statistical map and we know practically *nothing about their character*istics or activities.

Gauging the effect of the internal market on small companies in these circumstances is a case study in coarse guesswork.

We can assume that they will all benefit from such Commission proposals as raising VAT ceilings, improving rules for the carry-forward of losses for tax purposes, and *general discouragement of of*ficial interventions. But 1992 will spell out different messages for different sub-divisions of the small firm population.

Many of the Commission's *1992 proposals are served in* sweet and sour sauce. Liberalizations are paired with restrictions or rules to ease transitions and ensure fair competitive play.

About half our small businesses turn out to be garages, shops, cafés, public houses, one-vehicle road haulers, household odd-job and repair services, hotels and boarding houses. All are firmly rooted *to their local spot. Opportu*nities to exercise talents and invest cash at a range of new points, from Copenhagen to Corfu, may strike few answering entrepreneurial chords but many of the regulations, paired with these notional freedoms, will still apply.

This could seem to put "captive" small firms on a regulatory hiding to nothing, but a Tory Government, fully alert to small business voting strength, can be relied on to stifle any really oppressive EEC innovations.

The other half of the small firm sector, including manufacturing and "extrovert" service industries, has a much more positive interest in internal market developments.

Sub-contractors and small companies interested in public supply business are, almost certainly, in for a Brussels-*based shake-up. Only 2 per* cent of public procurement contracts in the EEC are awarded to companies from other member states. The Commission is aiming for radical liberalizations in public works, and energy, telecommunications and transport procurement.

Sub-contractors are bound to be caught in powerful cross-currents of opportunity and competition. "Foreign" main contractors, *breaking into tra*ditionally-public procurement pastures, could bring their own sub-contractors with them. Or they might look to local suppliers and services to cut distribution costs, shorten management control lines and provide useful "native" know-how. This could open up new business for small companies with no previous links to displaced British contractors.

*Enterprising small busi*nesses could well put out feelers to leading contractors in other member states to cover not only possible co-operation in Britain, but also sub-contracting prospects *elsewhere. Others, who want* to stick with their British main contractors, could co-operate with them to monitor and exploit 1992 moves to open up public procurement in other EEC countries.

The internal market saga will also include action-packed passages for small firms in technologies such as lasers, information and telecommunications, new materials, robotics and advanced transport and energy systems.

We have inventive small companies in all these sectors. Some are unable to find adequate outlets for specialized products or services in Britain and could benefit from cross-frontier partnerships or agency arrangements. Most would welcome wider, easier flows of information about technical developments.

The Commission claims help is at hand to meet these needs, in projects such as Eureka, Sprint, Tedis, and Esprit. But how does a quiet, inoffensive small firm hack its way through this acronymic jungle to any sort of contact with actual assistance?

An immediate, if probably temporary answer lies in the Commission's new SME agency – the Small Firms Task Force. As millions of small EEC firms hear the 1992 *message*, this modest unit can expect to be swamped by approaches. At the moment, however, it might not be averse to a few inquiries and fostering one or two guinea-pigs. New technology firms could be especially welcome.

British companies may find contact easier because the Task Force is in the brisk, British hands of Alan Mayhew, recruited from the Clinton Davis cabinet.

Other 1992 developments of potential interest can be identified by plotting details of the 1992 timetable against projects in the Task Force action programme.

How will small firms that spot such possibilities interface with the Department of Trade and Industry's 1992 advice and information campaign? Direct contacts could be complicated by the fact that *Lord Young, when Minister* for Employment, whipped the Small Firms division away from the DTI to enlarge his administrative empire.

Can he now, as Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, *let highly innovative small* companies, with so many interests in 1992, lie about in Employment, while his own Department, with its new, wealth-creating remit, is taking on key internal market responsibilities for the rest of British business?

'Positive' reaction to Eurotunnel in Japan

Tokyo (Reuter) – Japanese institutional investors are showing a warm-to-cautious *reaction* to the Eurotunnel share issue, Mr Alastair Morton, the co-chairman of Eurotunnel, said yesterday.

Mr Morton met about 50 Japanese institutional investors to try to sell between 2 and 10 per cent of £750 million worth of shares being privately placed.

"Reactions ranged from warm to cautious. None of it was negative," he said. And having Japan's biggest brokerage house, Nomura Securities, as lead underwriter was an asset, he said.

The Anglo-French project to build a 50km rail tunnel under the Channel is expected to be completed in 1993 at a cost of £4.85 billion.

Morton: Nomura an asset

Subscription for the securities, to be listed simultaneously in London and Paris in early December, will begin this month. The pathfinder prospectus for the flotation will be launched on Thursday.

"After the (global stock market) crash, people told me to postpone the listing. But we said no way," he said.

Unlike other shares being floated, Eurotunnel shares have no existing price or price earnings ratios, Mr Morton said.

He said he thought the shares were likely to appreciate by more than 25 per cent a year.

British and French investors will each take £300 million to £350 million of Eurotunnel shares, while other investors will take between £50 million and £100 million.

Fifty banks, 39 of them Japanese, agreed in August to lend the Anglo-French consortium £5 billion, provided the flotation was successful.

APPOINTMENTS

M&G Group names finance director

M&G Group: Mr **Tony Shearer** joins the board as finance director from January 1.

Chicago Mercantile Exchange: Mr **Robin Brown** becomes deputy managing director, European office.

Virgin Group: Mr **Peter Scott** joins as a non-executive director.

Hogg Robinson (Non-Marine Reinsurance Brokers): Mr **Ken Bilby** becomes executive director and Mr **John Allen** a directo·

Abbeygate: Mr **Laurie Graveling** is made production director.

Heidelberg Graphic Equipment: Mr **Richard Thorbon** joins the board.

Melson Wingate: Mr **Peter Grundy** becomes non-executive chairman.

NFC Distribution Group: Mr **Robbie Burns** becomes managing director.

Cerro Metals (UK): Mr **Michael Cotterill** is made deputy managing director.

GEC Avionics: Mr **Timothy Venables** joins the board as finance director.

Abbey Life Investment Services: Mr **Edward Whittingdale** becomes director, European equities.

Robin Brown, of Chicago Mercantile Exchange

André de Brett: Mr **David Craven** is made a non-executive director.

Clark Whitehill Associates: Mr **Christopher Greene** is appointed a director.

The Solid Fuel Advisory Service: **Miss Anne Martin** becomes director, market *development*, and Mr **Peter Drew** director, administration.

Comparex Information Systems: Mr **Norman MacLeod** is made director, customer support.

Transportion Planning Associates: Mr **Robin Cathcart** becomes managing director.

The Institute of Petroleum: **Sir Archibald Forster** becomes president-elect.

THIRD MARKET

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offr	Chg
485	185	Abelscot	230	260	-10
56	18	Aber Am Pet	31	34	-1
150	110	Allied Ins	121	141	xc
78	46	Amarcotour	47	52	xc
111	55	Andaman Res	70	75	+2
285	116	Broadcast	175	195	-5
192	61	Camotech	90	100	-3
103	45	Catalyst	64	68	-1
203	133	Chelsea Art	145	185	-8
110	60	Chemex Intl	58	68	-2
159	110	Comac	105	115	-5
151	50	Conton Bch	87	92	xc
228	150	Crown Eye	153	163	-2
88	18	Eglinton	19	21	-1
45	11	Do Wrnts	11	13	xc
188	1	Fin E Res	83	93	-7
110	73	Gardner (J)	70	75	-3
53	29	Honorbilt	33	37	-1
73	61	Kemp (PE)	60	65	xc
181	85	Leading Lsr	82	87	+5
95	66	Lynx Tech	75	85	-2
180	115	Medirace	118	128	xc
80	15	Pub Hldgs	40	45	-3
128	93	Seacon	88	98	-2
67	45	Theme Hldgs	48	58	xc
715	145	UPL	140	150	-2
140	103	Unit Group	112	122	+14

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey	169	CU	580	Laporte	151	Royal Bank	452
Alld-Lyons	2,864	Cons Gold	200	L&G	133	Royal Ins	326
Amstrad	2,010	Cookson	125	Lloyds	786	Saatchi	539
ASDA	2,155	Courtaulds	500	Lonrho	598	Sainsbury	1,467
AB Foods	650	Dalgety	92	Lucas	733	Scot & N	3,019
Argyll	1,073	Dee	1,301	Magnet	259	Sears	1,372
BAA	1,289	Dixons	3,139	M&S	4,142	Sedgwick	477
BET	1,081	ECC	345	Maxwell Cm	1,200	Shell	807
BTR	3,154	Enterprise	190	MEPC	483	Smith & N	746
BAT	2,889	Ferranti	557	Metal Box	2,317	STC	1,469
Barclays	2,436	Fisons	877	Midland	1,205	Stan Chart	134
Bass	1,160	Gen Acc	352	NatWest	1,654	Storehse	1,641
Beecham	1,013	GEC	8,591	Next	1,235	Sun Alnce	213
Beazer	428	Glaxo	1,919	Nth Food	301	T & N	46
BICC	242	Globe	620	P&O	578	Tarmac	1,151
Blue Circle	605	Grenada	226	Pearl	295	Tate & Lyle	598
BOC	1,479	Grand Met	5,200	Pearson	198	TSB	2,075
Boots	4,816	GUS 'A'	502	Pilkington	1,667	Tesco	4,844
BPB	1,681	GRE	532	Plessey	5,142	Thorn EMI	1,578
Br Aero	1,346	GKN	1,612	Prudential	99	Trafalgar	1,436
Br Airways	3,389	Guinness	1,927	Racal	8,036	THF	1,422
Br Comm	171	Hanson	5,767	RMC	1,002	Ultramar	173
Br Gas	13,620	Hawker	797	Rank	202	Unigate	331
Br Petrol	15,630	Hawley	1,492	R&C	142	Unilever	958
Br Telecom	8,643	Hillsdown	3,035	Redland	1,181	United Bis	713
Britoil	2,080	IMI	206	Reed	505	Utd News	1,420
Bunzl	1,420	ICI	2,406	Reuters	2,483	Wellcome	1,453
Burmah	251	Jaguar	1,139	RMC Gp	631	Whitbrd	980
Burton	1,822	Lasmo	310	RTZ	972	Willis Fab	214
C&W	2,678	Ladbroke	1,274	R-Royce	1,950	Woolworth	2,641
Cadbury	2,334	Land Sec	1,074	Rothmn 'B'	372		
Coats	1,961			Rowntree	50		

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TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
November 2	November 13	February 4	February 15

Call options were taken out on: 2/11/87 Acals Jewellery, BP New, Astra Hldgs., Glaxo, British Aerospace, Central & Sheerwood, North Kalgurli Mines, Cluff Oil, Virgin, Chartsearch, Control Secs., Ex Lands, London Secs., Norfolk Cap., Queens Moat, Lloyds Bank, First Leisure, Dares Est., B Elliott, P & O, Ossery Est., Rock.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Alba	103 -5
Amer Plastic (61p)	73 -2
Anglo Leasing	165 -3
Banner Homes (105p)	101 -4
Brit Pet P/P	81 -4
Butte Mining (100p)	105
Cauldon	30 -2
Chartsearch	27 +½
Dolphin Packg (106p)	130 -5
Explaura	29 -½
Fairway Ldn	81
Guidehouse	90
ISA Intl (80p)	100
Kingston Oil (100p)	98 -2
Knobs Knockers	95
Lloyd Thomp (170p)	175 +5
Marcol Group	78
Power Corp	75 -5
Record (88p)	80 -3
Rolls-Royce (170p)	134 -2
Ross Consumer (165p)	200 +5
Rural Plan	98 -1
Sec Archives	185
Shaftsbury (180p)	137
Stanhope Props (250p)	189 -4
Tubular Exhib	28
URS Intl	73
USDC Inv	133 -5
Wilshaw Secs	30 +2
Zetlans Leis	133

RIGHTS ISSUES

Anns Bacher N/P	3
Baldwin N/P	
Compsoft Hldgs N/P	23
Falcon Ind N/P	¾
Harmony Leis N/P	¾
Southend Stadium N/P	¼
Securiguard N/P	
St Ives N/P	¼
TR Energy N/P	2

(Issue price in brackets).

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	9.50%
Adam & Company	9.50%
BCCI	9.50%
Consolidated Crds	9.50%
Co-operative Bank	9.50%
C. Hoare & Co	9.50%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	9.50%
Lloyds Bank	9.50%
Nat Westminster	9.50%
Royal Bank of Scotland	9.50%
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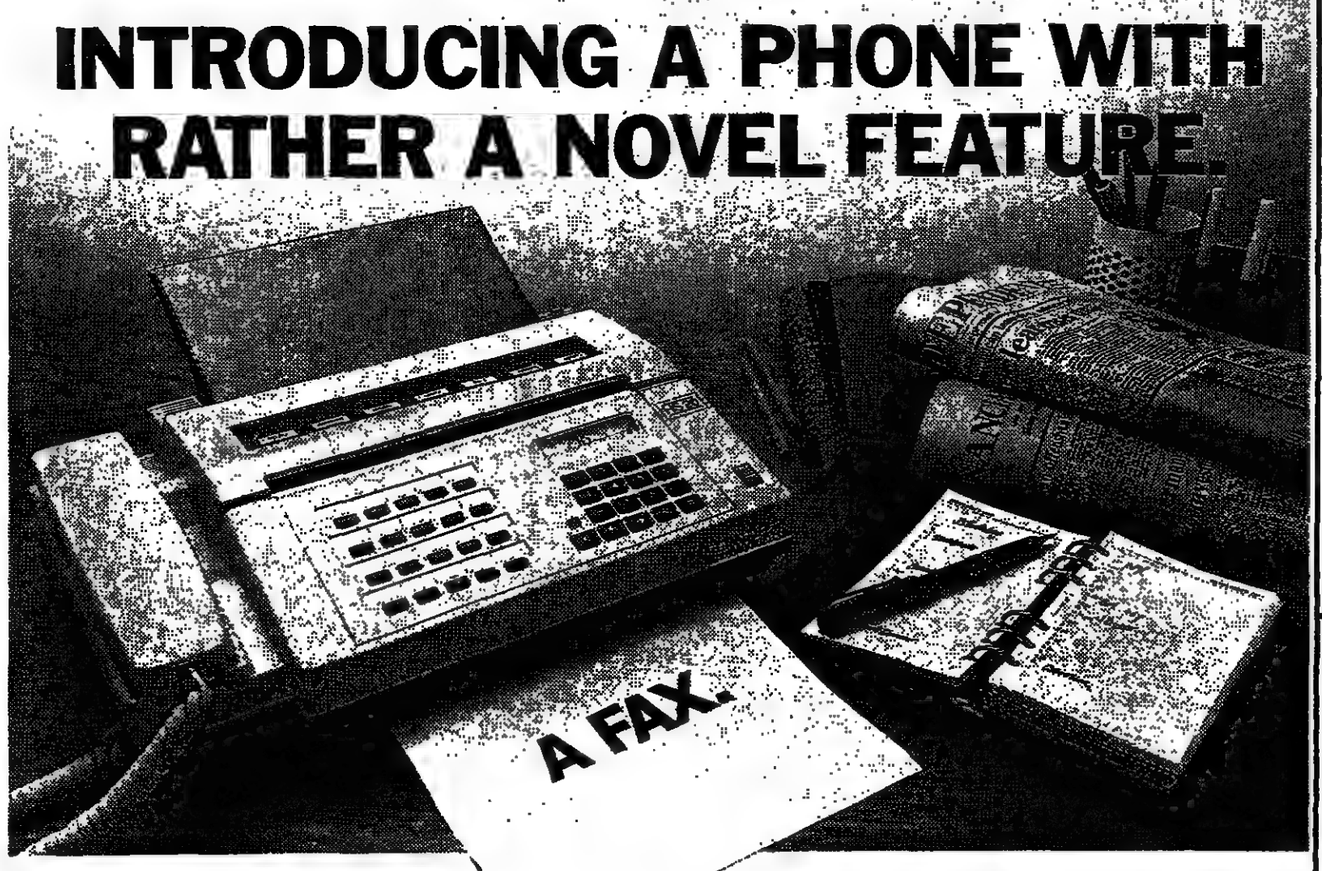

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5	Portals	Industrials L-R	
6	Microfilm Repro	Electricals	
7	P & O Dfd (aa)	Shipping	
8	Racal Elect (aa)	Electricals	
9	Kwik-Fit	Motors,Aircraft	
10	Folkes Group N/V	Industrials E-K	
11	Cantors 'A'	Drapery,Stores	
12	Cannon St	Industrials A-D	
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22	Leisure Inv	Leisure	
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26	Swire Pacific 'A'	Industrials S-Z	
27	Lister	Textiles	
28	CoxMoore	Textiles	
29	Quadrant Group	Leisure	
30	Tace	Industrials S-Z	
31	BPP	Paper,Print,Adv	
32	Centreway Ind	Industrials A-D	
33	Allied Text	Textiles	
34	Lookers	Motors,Aircraft	
35	Lucas (aa)	Motors,Aircraft	
36	Gt Western Res	Oil & Gas	
37	Powerscreen	Industrials L-R	
38	AIM	Industrials A-D	
39	Hunting Group	Industrials E-K	
40	Ranger	Oil & Gas	
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1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
709	395	BAT (aa)	440	445	●+7	21.0	4.7	10.5
163	118	Carroll	125	130	● ..			
480	235	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	335	345	-5	10.6	3.1	9.4

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt & Fixed	114.1	122.7e	-0.9	9.74
Hi Inc Equity	108.6	116.7e	-4.5	4.69
Worldwide Bd	184.3	198.1c	-1.2	4.68
American Gth	128.5	138.2	+2.4	1.32
Asian Pacific	59.2	63.6	-1.4	2.21
Assets & Earns	133.8	143.8e	-10.3	1.22
Capital Res	75.6	76.0	-0.1	1.22
Comm Energy	103.8	111.3	-2.3	
Euro Capital	70.5	75.8	+1.7	0.82
General	140.2	150.7	-4.4	2.36
Japan	75.5	81.1e	-1.2	
UK Gth Inc	126.3	135.8e	-10.4	1.88
Do Acc	185.3	199.2e	-14.0	1.88
US Emerg Co	34.7	37.3e	+0.4	0.80
Income Gth	229.8	247.0e	-11.2	3.85
Master Acc	68.2	73.3	+0.2	2.70
American Inc	38.8	41.7	+0.4	5.97
Ethical Tst	37.7	40.5	-1.0	2.38
AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD 401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE 01-837 6494				
Euro Gth Acc	107.6	114.6	+1.8	1.81
Exempt	357.6	380.7c	-5.1	5.67
Far Eastern	181.3	194.8e	+2.9	0.10
Fin & Prop	80.6	85.4	-0.3	1.87
Hi Yield	68.1	72.1e	-1.4	4.78
Income & Gth	285.7	302.6e	-2.8	4.89
Int Earnings	172.3	182.5e	-2.3	2.32
Int Growth Inc	84.8	90.3e	+1.7	0.46
Japan Gth Acc	127.8	137.3	+8.6	0.20
N Amer Gth Inc	112.7	120.6	+3.3	0.57
Preference Inc	121.2	128.4e	+0.3	8.70
Sml Co Div Inc	90.2	95.5		3.86
Sml Co Gth	314.7	333.4	+0.2	1.21
Spec Sits Inc	134.4	142.4	-0.1	0.91
UK Growth	362.9	384.4e	-4.9	2.88
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 28291 dealing0793 610366				
High Income	282.8	298.2e		4.82
Equity Inc	162.6	172.4		4.41
High Yield	164.5	174.4e		5.06
Balanced	394.7	418.4		3.26
Amer Inc	25.8	27.4		4.76
World Ass Val	32.7	34.8		0.90
Japan	119.4	127.2		0.01
Sec of Amer	173.1	184.4		0.75
Asset Value	271.9	289.2		3.04
O'seas Earn	190.4	208.2		2.66
Recovery	94.8	100.5e		2.54
UK Spec Sit	251.4	266.5		2.05
Smr Co	178.3	181.0		1.80
Capital	234.6	248.7e		2.74
Amer Spec Sit	51.2	54.5e		1.38
International	86.3	91.9		1.34
BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS 25, Chiswell Street, London EC1 01-374 6891				
American	38.0	41.5		3.38
Australian	16.7	17.8		1.98
Japan & Gen	138.6	147.7		0.03
High Income	59.2	58.6		5.42
International	89.2	93.8		0.57
Income Growth	61.2	65.2		4.59
Gilt/Fixed Int	21.5	22.9e		10.45
Global Inc	36.7	39.0		4.89
Spec Sit	61.0	64.9e		1.37
BARCLAYS UNICORN Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 01-534 5544				
Capital	73.6	78.2	-0.8	2.84
Euro Gth Inc	59.7	63.5	-3.3	1.41
Extra Income	89.6	95.5e	-0.6	4.64
General	154.4	164.2e	-1.0	3.82
Gilt & Fixed Inc	53.9	56.7	-0.1	9.69
Income Tst	365.9	389.2	-3.1	3.89
Int Income	51.2	54.4	+0.2	4.19
Smr Co Inc	41.6	44.2		0.73
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 01-658 9002				
Australia	65.3	70.6c	+2.7	0.80
Eastern	61.7	66.7	-0.1	0.90
Equity Inc	82.0	87.4e	-1.1	4.10
Europe	114.6	122.4	+3.6	0.30
Exempt Tst	92.7	97.4		3.80
Growth & Inc	69.1	74.6	-0.6	1.90
Global Gth	62.4	66.3	-2.5	1.50
Japan Spec	120.0	128.8	+1.6	0.10
Japan Sm	121.6	130.8e	+2.8	0.00
First Europe	103.3	109.5	+3.1	0.20
First Japan	86.5	92.9e	+3.2	0.20
First N Amer	38.3	41.7	+1.4	1.10
First Smlr Co	89.2	95.6e	-0.8	1.80
N Amer Spec	36.4	39.7		0.30
BROWN SHIPLEY 9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	168.5	178.2e	+2.5	1.48
Smr Co Acc	355.9	378.6e	+2.7	0.72
Do Inc	225.1	238.2e	+1.7	0.72
High Income	78.7	83.7e	+1.5	5.23
Income	90.1	95.9e	+1.4	4.22
Man Portf Inc	85.3	90.7	+2.8	1.12
Do Acc	144.8	153.9	+5.0	1.12
Nth American	47.2	50.2	+4.6	0.50
Orient	81.4	86.6c	+13.4	0.23
Exempt	252.9	269.0c	+3.4	2.13
Recovery	66.1	69.9	+4.1	1.34
German	25.8	27.5c	+0.6	0.79
Int Recov	27.5	29.3	+0.3	0.34
Europe	16.9	18.0e	+0.8	1.42
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT 01-588 2868 01 623 2348				
Fellowship Inc	57.0	60.6e	+0.7	1.25
General Inc 4	233.8	243.5		2.92
Do Acc 4	378.7	394.4		2.92
Income Fd 3	116.6	122.6e		4.88
Do Acc 3	215.7	226.7		4.88
Int Inc 2	101.2	106.8		0.30
Do Acc 2	135.5	142.8		0.30
Smlr Inc 5	92.6	95.3		1.70
Do Acc	97.5	102.6		1.70
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB 01-902 8876				
Growth	30.1	32.2s	+1.3	2.85
Income	38.6	41.3s	+1.2	4.61
Far East	22.8	24.4s		0.26
Nth American	25.0	26.7s	+1.2	0.76
Global	40.8	43.7e	+1.6	0.76
European	40.3	43.1e	+2.1	1.24
Japan	87.5	72.2e	-0.1	0.01
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ 01-621 0011				
Capital	372.0	395.8e	-6.0	1.75
Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nth Amer	214.9	228.7	+7.7	1.71
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Investment	581.45			3.57
Fixed Int	139.8	●		10.23
Deposit	100.0			9.37
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Income	527.87	●		3.86
Acc	£16.8169			
Deposit	100.0			9.55
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS 72/73,Basinghall St, London EC2V 5DP 01-606 6622				
S/C Spec Sit	65.2	68.9		0.50
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373393				
Amer Gth	17.9	19.1	-0.2	0.00
Atlas Gth	20.8	22.2		0.40
Dragon Gth	18.7	19.9	+0.6	0.00
Equity Hi Inc	52.7	56.1	-0.4	4.70
European Gth	24.5	26.1e		0.40
Gen Equity	45.6	48.8	-0.2	2.00
G/F Intrst Gth	32.3	34.0	-0.1	6.10
Gilt & Fixed Inc	24.7	26.0e	-0.4	8.80
Int Income Tst	22.2	23.7e	-0.2	5.30
Japan Gth	38.0	40.5	+1.3	0.00
Pedigree Gth	27.4	29.2	-0.1	2.00
Special Sits	35.4	37.7		0.80
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-626 5616				
UK & Gen Inc	51.5	54.8	-1.1	2.11
Do Acc	51.5	54.9	-1.1	2.11
Income Inc	54.5	58.0e	-1.0	2.85
Do Acc	55.4	58.9e	-1.1	2.85
Worldwide Inc	42.3	45.3	+0.3	1.12
Do Acc	43.4	46.4	+0.3	1.12
Gamma Inc	36.3	38.6	-0.5	0.67
Do Acc	36.3	38.6	-0.5	0.67
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Amer Gth				
Euro Gth				
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 04862 5033				
Amer Tst	110.2	119.7	+2.1	0.84
Canadian Gth	18.5	20.0	+0.1	1.50
European Tst	101.0	109.2	+5.0	
Growth Tst	241.7	260.3	-4.6	3.27
High Income	284.1	307.1e	-8.1	5.31
Int Tech Tst	104.2	112.5	+0.0	
Japanese Tst	180.2	190.1	+1.5	
CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL 0737-242424				
European Gth	46.9	49.1c	+1.3	1.20
Euro Spec Sits	35.9	38.1	+0.1	1.30
International	37.8	41.1	-0.6	3.50
N Amer Gth	35.6	38.6	+0.5	1.00
Pacific Gth	48.4	52.1c	+1.2	0.40
UK Gth Acc	64.8	70.3e	-1.1	0.50
Do Dist	63.2	66.7e	-1.0	0.50
UK Income	83.4	87.5e	-0.9	4.80
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh 031-226 3492				
American Fd	54.1	58.1c	+1.0	1.72
Capital Fd	118.7	126.7	-0.3	1.30
Eurofund	22.4	23.9	+0.9	2.09
Growth & Inc	157.2	171.3	-2.3	3.94
High Dist Fd	140.3	154.3c	-2.0	4.70
International	178.2	189.1	+3.3	1.19
Pacific Fd	18.2	19.5	+0.2	0.00
Resources Fd	23.4	25.3	+0.3	0.00
Smlr Jap Co	35.3	37.7	+0.6	
Tokyo Fd	168.3	179.8e	+3.7	0.00
Ex Amer 2	167.3	185.7e		1.81
Ex Japan 3	110.3	113.6		0.17
Ex Pacific 4	435.4	447.4		0.27
Ex Smlr Jap 4	244.7	251.4e		0.10
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ 0242 521311				
UK Balan Inc	77.7	82.4	-2.3	2.82
Do Acc	80.3	85.2	-2.4	2.73
UK Gth Acc	114.8	121.8	-1.8	1.75
UK High Inc	91.2	96.6e	-3.1	3.75
N Amer Acc	62.1	66.2	+1.2	0.79
Far East Acc	100.7	107.4	+3.6	0.28
European Acc	70.0	74.7	+2.6	1.26
UK Gilt/FI Inc	57.4	60.9	-0.1	7.30
Do Acc	62.9	66.7	-0.2	6.69
Int Spec Sits	37.3	38.8		1.58
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD Adelaide Centre Hanover House Romford RM1 3LB 0708 66966				
Endurance	104.5	111.2e		1.19
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Equit Pelican	83.0	88.3e	+3.4	3.17
High Income	89.4	95.2c	+2.7	4.44
Gt/Fxd Intrst	52.9	56.3	+0.2	7.73
Tst Of Inv Tsts	78.6	83.7	-1.9	1.58
Spec Sits Tst	89.3	95.1	+2.1	2.26
Nth Amer Tst	49.0	52.2	+4.1	1.65
Far East Tst	81.5	86.8	+1.2	0.36
Int Growth	46.6	49.6	+2.4	1.43
European Tst	39.3	41.9	+1.2	1.62
EQUITY & LAW St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1GD 0203 553231				
UK Gth Acc	167.1	177.7e		3.35
Do Inc	140.2	149.1e		3.36
Higher Inc Acc	302.4	321.7e		4.51
Do Inc	232.0	246.8e		4.51
Gilt/Fixed Acc	109.8	115.3		8.12
Do Inc	85.2	89.5		8.12
N Amer Acc	101.2	107.6e		0.29
Far East Acc	169.5	180.3e		0.06
Euro Tst Acc	130.1	139.8e		0.57
Gen Tst	249.6	262.3e		3.53
Brit Excell	38.5	41.1		2.81
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT 1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA 01-623 4680				
US Smlr Co	48.8	51.1e	-0.8	0.16
UK Inc Fd	87.2	92.8	-1.1	4.44
Far East Fd	75.8	80.7	+1.5	0.00
Overseas Inc	58.6	62.6	+0.4	4.26
Fxd Interest	57.4	61.1	+0.3	9.97
Natural Res Fd	58.4	62.2	+2.5	2.72
European Inc	61.5	65.9	-1.7	3.45
Fintecuals Fd	46.5	49.5	+0.4	3.20
Int Tech Fd	95.5	101.7	+2.4	0.14
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS 190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041-332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	68.1	72.4e	-0.3	
Do Inc	66.4	70.6e	-0.4	0.40
Hi Yield Acc	29.8	31.7e	-0.4	
Do Inc	29.0	30.8e	-0.4	5.10
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Do Inc	71.3	75.9	-0.3	0.30
Amer Gth Acc	20.5	21.8	+0.9	
Do Inc	20.5	21.8	+0.9	1.00
Euro Gth Acc	16.8	17.9	-0.4	1.00
Do Inc	16.8	17.9	-0.4	1.00
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY Callfree 0800 414161				
American	92.2	98.7c	+2.8	0.72
Amer Eqty Inc	26.9	28.7e	+0.1	4.77
Amer Spec Sit	37.8	40.5	+2.0	0.15
Australia	[illegible]	28.7e	-0.4	2.33
European	[illegible]	55.7e	+2.1	
European Inc	20.6	22.0	+0.5	4.43
Global Conv	21.7	23.0e	-0.2	5.28
Far East Inc	35.3	37.6	+0.1	3.55
Gt/Fxd Interest	30.0	●	+0.1	9.61
Growth & Inc	109.2	116.8	+6.9	4.38
Japan Spec Sit	56.1	59.9	+2.8	
Japan	136.5	145.6	+4.4	
Man Interest	112.7	119.9	+3.7	0.33
Max Inc Eqty	104.8	112.1	+0.8	4.72
Famous Name	38.1	40.6	+2.7	2.75
SE Asia	32.7	34.9e	+0.7	0.19
Spec Sit	249.6	267.3	+17.1	0.42
Eastern Opps	19.7	20.9	+0.1	
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ 01-628 5181				
Amer/Gen Inc	149.6	158.4	+7.9	
Do Acc	153.1	162.0	+8.2	
Amer Turn Inc	151.9	160.7	+8.4	1.83
Do Acc	157.6	166.8	+8.8	1.83
Capital Inc	266.0	281.4e	-0.3	1.89
Do Acc	327.0	346.9e	-0.5	1.89
Conv/Gilt Inc	97.1	102.7	-0.4	4.96
Do Acc	134.1	141.8	-0.6	4.96
European Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1.3	[illegible]
Do Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1.2	[illegible]
Extra Inc Inc	223.9	235.9	+1.5	3.37
Do Acc	249.3	263.8	+1.6	3.37
Financial Acc	42.1	44.5e	+0.8	1.00
Do Inc	41.9	44.3e	+0.9	1.00
Income Tst	151.3	160.0	+0.2	4.35
Do Acc	163.6	173.1	+0.2	4.35
Int Growth Inc	132.1	139.7e	+6.4	
Do Acc	148.7	155.2e	+7.1	
Japan/Gen Inc	93.2	98.6	+2.7	
Do Acc	94.1	99.5	+2.7	
Monthly Inc Fd	117.6	124.6e	+0.1	8.11
PEP 87	58.0	62.4	-0.1	1.77
Recovery	168.1	178.6	+2.6	1.14
Do Acc	178.2	188.5	+3.0	1.14
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Dealing0722 411411 Admin0722 413322				
Equity Dist	209.1	221.9c		2.81
Do Acc	355.6	377.4c		2.81
Euro Gth Dist	47.1	50.0		1.00
Do Acc	47.1	50.0		1.00
Fxd Interest Di	118.1	126.1c		8.83
Do Acc	144.4	153.6c		8.83
Int Gth Dist	47.1	50.0		1.50
Do Acc	47.1	50.0		1.50
Nth Amer Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]		2.44
Do Acc	100.0	106.2		2.44
Pac Basin Dist	148.7	153.8		0.24
Do Acc	148.8	158.0		0.24
Steward Dist	216.7	230.0c		1.28
Do Acc	228.3	240.2c		1.28
Steward Inc Di	47.1	50.0		4.00
Do Acc	47.1	50.0		4.00
N Am Stwd Di	47.1	50.0		2.00
Do Acc	47.1	50.0		2.00
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ 01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431				
Amer Spec Sit	35.8	38.8	+0.7	0.70
UK Cap Inc	111.3	118.5	-1.8	2.70
Do Acc	162.7	173.1	-2.6	2.70
Income Fd	92.5	98.5	-0.5	5.40
International	139.3	148.2	+2.1	0.50
US & General	42.3	45.1	+1.8	1.10
Japan & Gen	243.6	259.2	+6.6	0.10
Far East Gen	110.8	117.9	-0.2	0.20
European Fd	214.8	228.6	+8.1	0.10
Germany Fd	55.9	59.5e	+1.9	1.10
Int Inc Fd	48.1	51.2	-0.3	5.10
Wld Spec Sit	54.4	57.9		1.80
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ 01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5766 Dealing 01-623 5806 Investor Service (Freephone) 0800 289336				
American Tst	63.7	68.5	+2.5	0.70
Australian Tst	22.3	24.0	+0.4	0.00
British Acc	70.1	75.4	-0.3	1.92
Do Dist	59.8	64.4	-0.2	1.92
Commod Shar	66.4	71.3	+4.4	1.00
European Tst	43.0	46.2		0.75
Extra Income	38.2	62.8e	-2.2	4.48
Far East Tst	113.3	121.8e	+2.8	0.30
Fxd Interest Fd	27.0	29.1e	+0.1	8.85
Frontier Mkts	23.5	25.4	+0.2	0.00
Int Fxd Interest	23.8	25.4e	+0.1	9.64
Global Fd Acc	152.6	164.1c	-0.3	0.40
Do Dist	144.9	155.9c	-0.3	0.40
Gold Share Tst	18.3	19.7	-1.7	0.00
Hedged Amer	30.4	32.7	+3.6	0.50
High Income	29.3	31.5s	-0.3	4.35
Hong Kong Tst	27.4	29.4	+0.4	0.80
Income Fd	94.9	102.1	-1.9	2.98
Japan Tst	113.5	122.0	+5.7	0.00
Managed Exempt	283.9	274.9e	+1.7	2.82
Oil & Energy	38.9	41.8	+0.6	2.60
Spec Sit Tst	117.9	126.8	-0.9	1.09
UK Sm Co Rec	113.1	121.7e	-0.3	0.80
Cheltnham	28.3	34.8	+0.8	1.82
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR 01-378 7979 Dealing01-638 0825				
Int Gth	80.8	86.4	-0.9	0.82
American Gth	51.3	54.9	+8.1	2.16
American Inc	52.7	56.4	+1.2	4.68
European Gth	48.1	51.4e	-0.6	0.85
Gold & Minrls	62.4	66.7	+0.2	0.31
Japan Gth	50.7	54.2s	+3.3	
Pacific Inc	65.2	69.8	-0.2	2.83
Pacific Smst	37.8	40.5		0.41
UK Prog Inc	65.6	70.2	-0.8	3.12
UK Spec Opps	148.5	158.9	-1.8	0.43
Gt Britain	34.4	36.7	-1.2	1.70
GRE UNIT MANAGERS Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN 01-588 9903				
Gt/Fxd Interest	119.3	124.0	-0.2	8.86
Gth Equity	216.7	229.4		2.05
Guardhill	282.5	292.7	+11.7	2.83
N American	114.5	121.2e	+7.2	0.96
Pacific	238.8	252.7e	+4.2	0.00
Prop Share	358.9	379.8	+7.4	1.04
Smaller Co	278.2	292.2e	+4.7	1.25
European Tst	282.2	300.4	-0.7	1.19
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ 01-623 9333				
Global Gth	36.1	38.4c	+0.4	0.80
High Income	74.8	79.6e	-1.1	6.82
N Amer Tst	84.0	89.4e	+3.2	0.86
Pacific Gth	32.8	34.9c	+0.2	0.50
Recovery	289.9	308.4e	-0.2	2.54
St Vincent Inc	95.4	97.9	-0.7	5.49
St Vinc US Gth	55.1	57.4	+1.8	1.01
Temp B Sm Co	252.4	268.2		2.79
Euro Gth Tst	38.4	41.8		0.80
HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261010				
Amer Eqty Inc	51.4	54.5	+0.5	4.25
Canadian Tst	40.1	42.5e	+1.3	0.71
Equity Income	102.2	108.4c	-0.4	4.83
European Tst	61.8	66.9	+2.1	1.08
High Income	78.1	82.9e	-0.5	5.21
Int Sits Tst	51.8	55.0	+0.1	0.55
Japan/F East	102.0	108.2e	+2.8	0.01
Nth Amer Tst	52.4	55.6	+1.8	1.29
Res & Assets	80.7	84.4	-0.2	0.41
Scandinavian	75.3	79.9	-0.1	0.98
Smlr Co	32.8	34.8s	-0.2	1.49
UK New Gen	40.2	42.7	+0.2	1.05
HENDERSON Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. 0277 261010				
Amer Recov	78.1	87.3	+5.7	0.50
Amer Smlr Co	34.6	36.9e	+3.8	0.00
Australian	80.5	87.2e	-4.1	1.12
Best of World	48.8	52.0	+1.1	2.42
Cap Gth Inc	59.4	65.9e	-1.9	2.23
Do Acc	59.8	77.5e	-1.9	2.23
European	210.3	228.9e	+2.2	0.89
Euro Inc Tst	40.9	44.5c	+0.4	5.42
Euro Smlr Co	82.3	89.7e	+0.2	0.19
Extra Income	213.1	238.2e	-5.0	3.58
Financial Tst	172.0	198.7	-5.5	1.82
Fxd Interest	58.1	58.1e	-0.9	9.54
Gilt Tst	40.6	43.6	-0.4	8.97
Global Health	68.4	[illegible]	+4.6	0.00
Global Inc/Gth	55.6	60.8	-1.0	4.54
Global Resrce	88.5	98.4	+3.1	0.00
Global Tech	92.4	102.0	+6.4	0.18
Gold	48.9	55.8	-16.4	0.01
High Income	220.1	244.2c	-0.9	3.69
Hong Kong	47.0	51.1	-2.7	0.40
Inc & Gth Inc	167.1	185.0	-8.2	2.90
Do Acc	336.9	372.9	-5.1	2.90
Income Asset	117.9	130.1	-0.9	3.72
International	145.8	158.4e	+8.2	0.39
Jap Spec Sits	183.2	198.1e	+8.7	0.00
Japan Tst	179.6	194.9	+8.8	0.00
Nth American	110.8	121.8	[illegible]	0.68
Pacific Sml Co	72.2	78.4e	+0.7	0.01
Pref & Gilt	55.4	61.4e	-1.1	9.24
Recovery Tst	128.3	147.8e	-5.4	1.20
Sing & Malay	28.3	30.8	-1.5	0.20
Smlr Co Div	169.2	179.1e	-4.1	3.53
Spec Sits Inc	170.9	183.6	-3.9	0.98
Do Acc	242.6	274.7	-5.0	0.93
Worldwide	418.3	465.2e		1.14
Euro Expt	108.2	112.4e	+2.7	1.53
Glob Tec Expt	65.8	70.6	+5.1	0.00
Hi Inc Exempt	148.8	158.8	+1.8	3.32
Japan Expt	168.9	174.1	+11.7	0.01
N Amer Expt	71.4	76.4	+8.9	1.07
Pacific Exempt	159.9	160.1e	+2.1	1.19
Sml Co Exempt	171.7	187.4	+8.4	1.00
Best of Brit	33.7	37.3c	-1.1	2.80
Spirit Of East	34.1	37.1e	+0.4	2.79
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 01-686 4355 01-628 8011				
British Units	57.2	62.5s	+2.7	2.81
Capital Units	100.4	110.0	+3.7	2.50
Dollar Units	151.6	165.5e	+7.7	1.63
European	109.1	118.5	-3.0	0.00
Far East	118.2	129.1	+2.4	2.18
Financial	388.7	427.5e	+10.3	2.07
GF Interest Inc	27.3	30.0	+0.1	7.97
Do Gth	40.8	42.5		8.00
High Yield	77.2	84.3	+8.1	4.48
Income	92.1	102.2e	+3.0	3.92
International	115.2	125.6	+4.7	1.92
Japan Tech	41.8	45.5	+0.7	0.00
Nat Resource	41.6	44.1e	+1.2	1.35
Security	119.9	218.5	-32.3	2.60
Smaller Co	118.2	132.8e	+2.5	1.41
Spec Sits	109.8	120.9	+8.2	1.93
US Smlr Co	18.7	20.5	+1.1	1.31
IBI FUND MANAGERS 36, Queen Street London EC4 1DN 01-236 4270				
Brit & Oseas	127.6	135.1e	+4.6	1.75
Inc Plus	69.2	72.2e	+3.0	3.37
Cap Gth	65.67	69.40e	+3.54	3.16
Inv Tst Fnd	75.7	80.2e	+0.9	1.20
KEY FUND MANAGERS 66, High Street Hythe Kent CT21 5AJ 0303 64779				
Equity & Gen	47.5	50.6		0.94
Gt/Fxd Interest	67.0	72.4		9.78
Higher Inc	135.2	144.9	-2.1	3.40
Income	74.3	84.5		4.84
International	55.3	58.9s	-0.2	0.84
KLEINWORT BARRINGTON LIMITED 10 Fenchurch St London EC3 01-623 8000 Dealers01-629 9778				
Income Funds				
Gilt Yield Inc	108.8	113.2	-0.2	8.34
Do Acc	205.0	211.3	-0.3	8.34
Global Inc	132.5	141.0e	+4.4	5.73
Do Acc	228.2	242.8	+5.9	5.73
High Yield Inc	105.6	113.4e	+6.8	5.28
Do Acc	222.6	237.0e	+12.3	5.28
Capital Gth Funds				
Am Sm Co Inc	44.1	46.9	+4.2	1.17
Do Acc	46.4	49.4	+4.4	1.17
N American Inc	42.0	44.9	+1.4	1.09
Do Acc	49.0	52.4	+1.4	1.09
European Inc	85.5	91.0	+8.1	1.50
Do Acc	105.6	113.4	+2.5	1.98
Fd Of Invst Inc	22.7	24.1	+0.3	1.61
Do Acc	29.8	31.5	+0.5	1.61
General Inc	178.9	190.3	+12.4	3.06
Do Acc	248.7	264.6	+16.5	3.06
Int Recov Inc	119.5	127.1	+9.6	1.42
Do Acc	127.7	135.8	+10.2	1.42
Japan Inc	230.2	244.9	+7.0	0.24
Do Acc	232.7	247.6	+7.1	0.24
Jap Spec Inc	103.4	110.0	+0.7	0.05
Do Acc	103.8	110.4	+0.6	0.05
Master Acc	137.1	145.4e	+6.8	3.41
Pacific Inc	138.4	147.2e	+3.5	0.80
Do Acc	158.7	168.7e	+3.5	0.80
Planned Invest	137.1	145.4e	+6.8	3.41
Smlr Co Inc	114.0	121.3	+9.2	1.28
Do Acc	136.6	145.3	+10.9	1.28
UK Eq Gth Inc	28.2	30.0	+2.1	0.26
Do Acc	47.0	50.0	+3.6	0.26
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 33, George Street, Edinburgh 031-225 4906				
Int Gth	33.6	35.6e	-1.5	0.88
Income & Gth	86.4	92.1	+0.2	4.35
N Amer Equity	68.4	71.4	+0.7	1.11
UK Equity	48.1	51.3	+0.7	1.86
Japan	40.0	42.1	+1.4	
European	37.3	39.7	-1.5	0.82
Extra Income	21.6	23.0e	-0.1	5.64
Far Eastern	17.9	19.0		0.64
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 261010				
Equity Dist	282.8	300.8	-4.2	2.35
Do Acc	455.7	484.8	-6.8	2.35
Do Income	74.3	79.0	-0.8	3.49
European	62.3	66.3e	+1.1	0.83
Far Eastern	117.8	125.3e	+3.0	0.27
Gilt	80.5	85.2e	-1.8	7.92
O'seas Equity	77.4	82.3	+1.8	1.16
Natural Res	80.7	85.8e	+7.8	1.68
N American	69.5	73.9	+1.9	1.17
UK Spec Sits	83.8	89.2	-0.5	0.98
International	43.8	46.5	+0.1	4.70
Jap Tst	57.2	60.9e	+1.3	0.01
Managed Tst	45.3	48.2	+0.7	1.31
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Registrars Dpt, Goring-By-Sea, Worthing, W Sussex 0634 838208				
Balanced	192.9	205.2c	-2.6	3.20
Do Acc	356.0	378.7e	-4.7	3.20
Cap Euro Gl	43.3	46.0e	+0.6	0.28
Do Acc	43.6	46.3e	+0.5	0.28
Energy Int	54.6	58.0	+0.7	3.21
Do Acc	62.2	66.1	+0.8	3.21
Extra Income	179.8	191.2	-2.2	4.94
Do Acc	336.2	358.5	-4.0	4.94
German Gl	54.1	57.5e	+2.9	0.86
Do Acc	54.9	58.4e	+2.8	0.86
Income	306.2	325.7e	-2.2	4.57
Do Acc	633.1	673.5e	-4.3	4.57
Int Tech	174.8	185.9	+5.4	0.26
Do Acc	182.9	194.5	+5.6	0.26
Japan Gth	81.4	86.5	+2.3	0.01
Do Acc	81.7	86.9	+2.4	0.01
Mkt/Ind Inc	39.0	41.4	+8.4	1.52
Do Acc	39.0	41.4	+8.4	1.52
N Amer & Gen	97.6	103.8	+3.1	1.36
Do Acc	106.0	112.7	+3.3	1.36
Pacific Basin	115.8	123.1	+3.0	0.75
Do Acc	121.1	128.8	+2.0	0.75
Smr Co/Rec	267.5	284.5c	-8.5	1.77
Do Acc	305.8	325.3e	-9.4	1.77
UK Gth Fund	56.1	59.6	-0.2	1.89
Do Acc	58.9	60.5	-0.2	1.89
Worldwide Gth	177.9	189.2	+3.9	0.96
Do Acc	251.1	267.1	+5.5	0.96
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282347				
General	46.0	48.8c	-0.8	3.60
Income	43.9	46.6e	-0.4	8.00
International	33.2	35.3	+0.6	0.30
American	29.0	30.8	+0.5	0.40
Japan	44.1	46.8	+0.8	
Tst of Invest	33.7	35.8e	-0.1	2.00
M & G SECURITIES Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ 01-626 4588 Dealing : 0245-266266				
Amer / Gen Inc	177.8	189.7	+8.0	1.85
Do Acc	211.7	223.3	+7.1	1.85
Amer Recovery	183.6	193.7e	+8.4	1.39
Do Acc	202.0	213.1e	+10.3	1.39
Am Sm Co Acc	37.6	39.7	+2.5	1.39
Australia Acc	103.9	109.6	+8.8	1.56
Commod Acc	277.5	298.9	-0.9	1.42
Compound Gth	467.3	487.7	-6.1	3.21
Conversn Gth	397.5	423.2	-14.1	3.03
Do Inc	225.1	237.5	-5.9	5.50
Dividend Inc	480.9	507.3	-9.4	5.15
Do Acc	£14.59	15.40	-0.30	5.15
European Acc	257.7	271.9	-3.6	1.17
Extra Yield Inc	264.3	280.2e	-7.0	5.09
Do Acc	592.3	634.8e	-15.8	5.09
Far East Inc	122.0	128.7	+3.0	2.24
Do Acc	150.5	158.8	+3.8	2.24
Fd Of Inv Inc	288.3	303.5c	+0.4	2.81
Do Acc	463.3	485.8	+0.5	2.81
General Inc	701.7	740.3	-3.5	4.10
Do Acc	£18.34	16.06	-0.29	4.10
Gt/Fxd Interest	61.4	64.5c	-0.1	9.23
Do Acc	101.5	108.6c	-0.1	9.23
Gold Income	52.4	55.6	+1.8	1.38
Do Acc	56.5	60.2	+1.8	1.38
Hi Income Inc	380.1	402.9	-9.3	5.20
Do Acc	210.57	11.31	-0.26	5.20
Int Growth Inc	689.0	747.9	+12.4	1.96
Do Acc	211.36	12.16	+0.20	1.96
Int Income	54.8	58.4e	+0.2	6.00
Japan Acc	821.1	868.3	+14.0	0.04
Japan Sm Acc	90.1	95.1	+1.0	0.00
Mid / Gen Inc	781.4	832.2e	-14.4	3.70
Do Acc	£20.22	21.53e	-0.37	3.70
Recovery Inc	453.6	480.8	-8.2	3.32
Do Acc	599.6	635.6	-8.9	3.32
Sml Gen Inc	854.0	901.0	-15.8	3.37
Do Acc	£17.27	18.22	-0.31	3.37
Smlr Co Inc	838.0	884.3	-35.8	2.52
Do Acc	£15.03	15.93	-0.57	2.52
Trustee Fd Inc	524.6	561.3e	-8.8	4.18
Charifd Inc 3	111.7	c		10.57
Charifo Inc 2	467.5	472.2c		5.37
Pen Exempt 1	528.1	541.4e	-8.3	4.20
Nascit Inc 3	41.8	c		8.67
Do Acc 3	561.8	c		8.67
MIM BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 74/78, Finsbury Pavement, London EC2A 1JD 01-588 2777 Dealing Only0800 010333				
UK Special Trusts				
Gth Gth	65.3	69.3	+0.1	0.31
Smaller Co	200.0	213.3	-0.2	0.31
Spec Sits	121.9	130.0e	-1.0	0.23
Do Acc	128.0	136.5e	-1.1	0.22
General Fds				
UK Growth	40.2	42.8c	-0.2	0.85
Asst/Earn Dl	50.0	53.3	-0.9	1.50
Do Acc	50.3	53.7	-0.9	1.49
Managed Inv	60.3	65.5	+0.7	1.20
High Income Fds				
Extra Income	66.5	70.9	-0.8	6.15
Gilt	26.8	28.2		8.54
Income / Gth	238.3	254.3e	-3.8	3.74
Nat High Inc	217.2	231.7e	-2.5	4.75
Pref Shares	19.8	21.1		8.70
Sector Specist Fds				
Commod	158.7	167.1c	+2.6	0.15
Financial Sec	43.1	46.0		0.59
Gold	61.5	66.3e	-0.3	0.00
Do Acc	64.0	69.0e	-0.3	0.00
Int Leisure	12.8	[illegible]	+0.4	0.00
Prop Shares	77.8	83.0e	-0.5	0.00
Univ Energy	48.8	52.1	-0.8	1.03
World Tech	34.1	36.4	+1.1	0.00
Exempt Fds				
Exempt	101.2	106.0c	-1.1	3.13
Overseas Gth Fd				
American Gth	78.1	83.3e	+1.9	1.45
Australian Gth	58.4	62.3	+4.6	0.00
Euro Perf	69.1	73.7	+3.4	0.50
Do Acc	69.3	73.9	+3.5	0.50
Euro Smlr Co	13.9	14.8e	+0.3	0.30
Far East	[illegible]	62.2	+0.9	0.05
French Gth	33.9	36.2	+1.2	0.00
Hong Kong	21.1	22.5	-0.5	5.11
Int Growth	32.9	35.1e	+0.9	0.86
Int Recovery	96.4	102.9e	+3.1	0.00
Japan Perf	74.3	79.3	+1.2	0.00
Do Acc	74.3	79.3	+1.2	0.00
Japan Sm Cos	16.8	17.9	+0.2	0.00
Sing Assan Inc	25.2	26.9	+8.4	3.72
Do Acc	25.2	26.9	+8.4	3.72
US Sml Co	46.0	49.1	+1.2	0.00
Do Acc	45.5	48.6	+1.3	0.00
Overseas Income Fds				
Int Inc/Gth	49.7	53.0e	+0.2	3.93
US Income	45.3	48.2e	+0.1	3.33
Do Acc	48.4	51.6e	+0.1	4.77
NEL Trusts				
Netstar Gilt	69.9	71.7e	-0.1	8.70
Britannia Arrow (Formerly County Unit Trusts)				
Europe	58.4	61.7e	+2.4	0.40
Extra Inc	197.5	209.5e	-2.0	5.00
Financial	186.7	186.5	-4.8	3.42
Global Inc	57.4	60.7e	-0.3	5.68
GB Co	309.8	324.6	-6.0	2.82
Income Gth	46.5	49.2c	-0.4	4.21
Int Recovery	128.2	135.6	+2.3	2.56
Japan Gth	195.4	206.7e	+4.9	0.00
N Amer Gth	92.2	97.5c	+2.3	1.70
Sml Co	307.1	324.8	-3.8	1.15
SE Asia	54.1	57.2	+0.5	0.96
Spec Sit Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.24
MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1, Sessions House Square, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX 0622 674751				
American	22.1	23.4	+1.2	1.06
Emerging	19.8	21.1	+1.0	0.84
General	34.6	36.8	-0.2	2.03
International	52.2	55.5e	-0.1	0.95
Gilt Unit	25.6	26.3e	+0.1	9.88
Inc / Gth	56.6	60.2c	-0.7	3.73
European	28.1	29.8e	+0.5	0.83
UK Smlr Cos	22.1	23.5e	+0.1	0.74
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33, King William St, EC4R 9AS 01-280 2860				
Amer Gth	77.7	82.2e	+11.4	0.84
Do Acc	82.0	86.7c	+8.7	0.84
Amer Income	40.2	42.5e	+0.6	4.72
Do Acc	44.8	47.4e	+0.7	4.72
European Gth	117.7	125.2	+2.2	0.21
Do Acc	117.0	123.3	-4.6	0.21
General	282.8	299.0e	+15.1	1.10
Do Acc	473.2	500.7e	+24.4	1.10
Gilt / Fixed	94.8	94.4	+1.6	8.51
Do Acc	111.7	112.2	+1.9	8.51
Income	103.7	109.7e	+7.5	2.53
Do Acc	118.9	126.5e	+8.6	2.53
International	240.7	253.1	+16.3	1.52
Do Acc	311.3	329.4	+19.8	1.52
Japan	178.7	189.0	+11.8	0.81
Do Acc	183.4	194.0	+12.2	0.81
Recovery	247.3	261.5e	+14.1	1.97
Do Acc	273.2	289.0e	+17.8	1.97
Exempt Dist	271.5	278.4		1.58
Do Acc	430.2	441.2		1.58
Euro Fd Inc	63.5	67.1	-1.5	4.42
Do Acc	66.7	70.5	-1.8	4.42
Amer Smlr Dist	35.7	37.7e	+5.0	6.53
Do Acc	33.1	35.0e		0.39
Br Blu Chip Di	40.9	43.2e	+3.5	2.86
Do Acc	41.5	43.9e	+3.4	2.86
Global Dist	40.4	42.7	+2.2	0.82
Do Acc	40.4	42.7	+8.1	0.82
High Inc Dist	44.6	47.0e	+2.4	4.07
Do Acc	45.8	48.2e	+2.4	4.07
Hi Interest Dist	48.5	50.2e	+1.2	2.58
Do Acc	48.0	50.7e	+1.2	2.58
Pacific Dist	35.0	37.0	+2.4	0.18
Do Acc	35.0	37.0	+2.4	0.18
UK Smlr Dist	46.4	49.0	+2.9	1.51
Do Acc	45.8	48.5	+2.9	1.51
Am Sm Co Ex	31.8	32.7e	+3.5	0.03
Do Acc	32.8	34.8e	+1.8	0.67
MIDLAND BANK GROUP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Courtwood Hse, Silver St, Head, Sheffield S1 3RD 0742 769842				
Capital Inc	97.6	103.5	+3.4	1.49
Do Acc	135.0	143.3	+4.7	1.49
Commod / Gen	140.6	149.2e	-0.6	1.81
Do Acc	202.4	214.7e	+0.8	1.81
Extra Hi Inc	65.5	69.5e	+1.0	7.17
Do Acc	81.5	86.5e	+1.3	7.17
Gilt/Fxd Inc	54.4	56.9	-0.3	8.21
Do Acc	96.8	101.1	-0.4	8.21
High Yield	183.5	194.8c	+1.0	4.96
Do Acc	332.8	351.0c	+8.1	4.96
Income	198.6	210.8	+8.6	3.52
Do Acc	339.9	357.5	+11.1	3.52
Int Hi St Di	46.7	48.6	+1.4	2.41
Do Acc	46.7	48.6	+1.4	2.41
Japan / Pacific	268.3	284.7	+9.3	0.13
Do Acc	281.8	299.0	+9.7	0.13
[illegible]	83.8	88.8	+3.9	1.59
Do Acc	113.4	120.5	+4.6	1.59
Euro Gth Inc	97.4	103.4	-1.4	1.35
Do Acc	117.5	124.9	-1.7	1.35
Managed Port	55.4	58.7	+1.4	1.55
Smlr Co Inc	166.6	179.1	+1.8	1.33
Do Acc	182.7	193.8	+2.0	1.33
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 163, Hope Street, Glasgow G2 2UH 041 221 5252				
American	94.7	101.0		3.87
European	202.6	218.2e	+3.8	1.88
Far Eastern	78.5	83.7	+7.9	1.15
Olympiad	35.9	38.3	+2.1	1.48
Olympiad Inc	36.1	38.5e	+1.5	5.22
Smlr Co	310.6	331.5c	-1.2	1.34
UK Equity Inc	65.8	70.2e	-0.3	5.00
NATIONAL PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGERS 48, Gracechurch St, EC3P 3HH 01-623 4200 Ext 269				
St Vinc US Gth	55.1	57.4	+1.8	1.01
Temp B Sm Co	252.4	268.2		2.79
Euro Gth Tst	38.4	41.8		0.80
N M SCHRODER Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
American Acc	22.9	24.3c	[illegible]	7.86
Australia Acc	104.7	111.9	+0.1	2.07
Conscience Inc	38.8	41.2	+0.3	2.43
Do Acc	38.8	41.2	+0.3	2.43
European Inc	97.6	103.8e	+1.6	1.40
Do Acc	101.1	107.5e	+1.6	1.40
Extra Inc Inc	65.8	70.0e	-0.4	6.81
Extra Inc Acc	73.7	78.4e	-0.4	6.81
F East Gth Acc	60.4	64.2e	+0.8	0.00
Gilt/Fxd Inc	55.0	58.5	-0.2	8.22
Gold Fd Inc	44.2	47.0e	+2.0	1.17
Do Acc	46.9	49.8e	+2.1	1.17
Income Inc	208.3	221.5	-2.5	5.18
Do Acc	480.5	511.1	-5.8	5.18
Int Income	20.7	22.0c	[illegible]	0.50
Do Acc	28.7	30.5c	-1.4	0.50
Jap Sm Co Ac	145.4	154.5	+2.2	0.00
Sing/Mal Acc	59.9	59.5	+3.7	0.88
Sm Co Inc Acc	166.5	179.2	-0.3	1.22
Spec Sits Inc	27.3	29.0e		0.72
Do Acc	28.7	30.5e		0.72
Tokyo Fd Inc	50.9	54.1e	+0.6	0.00
Do Acc	51.4	54.6e	+0.5	0.00
US Sm Co Acc	35.5	37.8e	+2.4	0.00
UK Equity Inc	114.8	122.1	+0.7	2.41
Do Acc	181.6	193.1	-2.9	2.41
OPPENHEIMER TRUST MANAGEMENT 66, Cannon Street, London EC4N 6AE dealings 01-236 3885/6/7/8/9/0				
Int Growth	110.3	118.5	+4.7	1.06
Income / Gth	76.7	81.3e	+1.0	3.80
W'wide Rec	86.4	91.8	+4.7	1.73
American Gth	26.8	27.7e	+2.5	
Japan Gth	59.4	63.5c	+1.7	0.00
European Gth	61.7	66.3	-3.2	0.60
UK Growth	61.2	65.6	-3.9	1.00
Pacific Gth	47.7	51.2	+0.9	0.94
High Income	69.2	73.2e	+0.1	6.75
Practical Inc	60.0	67.7e	-2.0	2.85
Do Acc	117.3	126.1e	-3.6	2.55
PEARL TRUST MANAGERS LTD 252, High Holb, WC1V 7EB 01-405 8441				
Gth Tst Inc	95.1	101.2	+2.4	2.46
Do Acc	144.5	154.2	+3.6	2.46
Income Tst	137.7	145.5e	+3.7	3.74
Int Equity Inc	125.1	133.1e	+5.4	1.71
Do Acc	127.4	135.5e	+5.5	1.71
Equity Tst Inc	139.0	147.9	+4.6	2.66
Do Acc	245.6	261.3	+8.2	2.66
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48, Hart Street, Henley On Thames 0491 576868				
Int Growth	248.1	262.7e		1.35
Income	210.3	224.0e		4.33
W'wide Rec	131.5	140.4		2.30
Amer Gth	55.9	59.7		1.28
Int Emerg Co	65.6	70.1		0.97
Far East Gth	80.6	86.1		2.38
European Gth	51.9	55.4		1.37
UK Growth	36.4	38.8		3.32
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 222, Bishopsgate, London EC2 01-247 7544/7				
International	113.6	121.2e	+3.1	0.45
High Income	71.9	77.4c	-0.5	3.96
Conv & Gilt	117.4	126.3	+0.3	5.84
Far Eastern	189.6	202.9e	+2.3	0.00
Nth American	97.3	104.7e	+3.8	0.00
Spec Sits	85.5	92.0		1.63
Technology	113.7	122.3	+1.2	0.00
Extra Income	107.6	115.7e	-1.1	4.36
Euro Gth / Inc	41.8	45.0	+2.1	3.00
PRUDENTIAL HOLBORN UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51-59, Ilford Hill, Ilford Essex IG1 2DL 478 3377 LinkLine 0800 010346				
Holb Equity	449.0	482.7e		2.80
European	29.1	35.3		0.87
Holb Commds	59.8	64.3		0.50
Holb High Inc	76.0	81.7e		5.28
Holb Int	92.0	98.9		0.91
Japanese	115.1	123.7e		0.05
N American	61.6	66.1c		0.71
Holb Spec Sits	77.9	83.7		1.83
Holb UK Gth	86.4	92.9		2.10
Holb Premier	43.2	48.2s		7.53
Holb Smlr Co	62.4	67.0e		1.83
Holb Emy Inc	61.8	68.4e		3.93
Holb Int Sm Co	38.3	41.1		0.08
NM ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LIMITED St Swithins Lane, London EC4N 8NR 01-634 2581/4				
Income	97.0	103.1c	+0.1	4.49
Japan	182.6	194.2	+5.9	
Major UK Co	53.3	56.7	-0.3	2.40
Smlr Australia	69.7	73.0	+0.1	0.81
American Inc	240.1	255.4	+12.4	0.91
Do Acc	265.1	282.0	+13.7	0.91
Smlr Co	191.1	203.2e	+0.5	1.42
Smlr Canada	40.6	43.0	+0.3	1.25
Smlr Euro Co	152.6	162.3	+4.4	0.52
ROYAL LIFE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 6RE 0733-230000				
Equity Tst	64.6	68.7e	-0.9	2.72
Int Tst	70.7	75.2	+1.8	1.34
Gilt Tst	27.0	28.4		9.21
Equity Dist	146.9	158.3	+0.1	1.64
Do Acc	209.1	222.6	+0.1	1.64
Hi Income Tst	97.9	104.2	-1.1	3.34
Do Acc	119.8	127.5e	-1.2	3.34
US Growth	53.4	56.8	+1.6	1.04
Do Acc	54.8	58.3	+1.7	1.04
ROYAL TRUST FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 3, Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1RT 01-638 2433 Unit Dealing 01-638 2531				
Capital Gth Inc	70.6	75.9	+2.7	1.34
Do Acc	81.0	87.0c	+2.1	1.34
Pacific Basin	122.5	131.7	+3.9	0.80
Do 6% Withd	58.7	63.1	+1.9	0.80
Finance/Prop	92.1	99.0	+1.8	2.58
Fixed & Conv	51.2	55.0e	-0.7	8.73
Do Acc	92.2	99.1e	-9.4	8.73
Equity Income	97.9	105.2	+2.6	3.86
Do Acc	239.4	257.4	+6.9	3.86
High Yield Inc	96.8	104.0	+1.1	5.64
Do Acc	271.0	291.3	+3.0	5.64
Int Income	73.5	79.0	+3.4	1.26
Do Acc	75.8	81.5	+3.5	1.26
Do 5% Withd	65.0	69.8	+2.9	1.36
Managed Fd	63.7	67.1		
Preference Inc	38.5	41.3e	+0.1	7.53
Do Acc	134.3	144.4e	+0.1	7.53
Smaller Co	93.5	100.5e	+1.6	0.96
Do Acc	102.3	109.9e	+2.2	0.96
Pres Canada	38.2	39.5	+0.6	0.10
Pres Commod	44.9	48.5	+1.2	0.10
Pres Europe	101.5	105.1	+0.8	0.00
Pres Gold	47.2	48.9	+2.5	0.10
Pres HK	30.2	31.3	-0.2	0.10
Pres Japan	103.5	107.2	+2.6	0.00
Pres Bl/Mal	36.7	38.0	+0.2	0.70
Prestige UK	89.4	92.5	-0.6	1.33
Prestige US	57.2	58.2	+1.3	1.48
SAVE & PROSPER 28, Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB (Romford) 0708-766966				
Amer Inc/Gth	49.8	52.9e	-0.9	9.33
Capital Uts	97.1	103.2	+0.1	2.03
Commodity	67.0	71.2	+1.8	0.51
European Gth	90.0	95.7	+3.8	1.85
Financial Sec	98.7	105.0	-0.7	2.31
Hi Return Uts	216.0	229.7	-2.7	3.99
Hi Yield Uts	185.4	197.2e	-2.0	4.23
Income Uts	106.7	113.5	-1.0	5.85
Investment Tst	94.0	100.0e	-0.1	2.52
Japan Gth	101.5	107.9	+3.5	0.00
Japan Smlr Co	124.5	132.4	+2.9	0.00
Masterfund	31.1	33.0	+0.3	2.68
Scotbits	145.2	154.4	-1.4	2.36
Scotshares	188.3	200.3	-0.3	2.87
Scotyields	174.5	185.6	-1.8	4.29
Select Int	78.7	83.7e	+0.9	1.51
Smr Co Inc	212.4	225.9e	-1.4	3.54
Spec Sits	125.3	133.2	-0.6	1.31
UK Equity	198.5	211.1	-2.7	3.77
US Growth	81.3	86.2	+8.2	1.79
SCIMITAR ASSET MANAGEMENT 8 Crosby Square London EC3A 6AQ 01-588 6963/4/5				
UK Equity Inc	31.3	33.9	+2.4	5.21
Do Acc	32.3	34.0	+2.4	
UK Cap Gl	23.8	25.1	+2.3	0.71
Euro Tst Inc	22.4	23.9	+0.6	0.10
Do Acc	22.6	24.1	+0.7	
Global Gth Inc	28.2	30.1e	+1.4	0.17
Do Acc	28.4	30.3e	+1.4	
Man Exempt	132.6	138.2		
Pacific Basin	26.2	27.9	+1.3	
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
Nelson Tst	201.3	215.4e	-1.6	2.70
Columbus	125.3	134.6e	-4.8	1.28
Marco Polo	192.7	207.2e	+4.3	0.45
Da Vinci	222.7	238.2e	+11.4	1.50
Drake Tst	50.0			
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS 109, Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041-248 6100				
UK Equity	192.8	205.2	+8.3	2.74
Gilt & Fixed	129.3	137.6e	-0.7	8.12
UK Sm Co Eq	198.5	211.2	+5.0	1.76
European	163.3	174.3e	+8.8	1.89
N American	107.1	114.0e	+5.4	1.64
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MNGMNT LTD 6 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh EH2 031-556 9181				
Equity Gth	17.57	18.81s		2.34
Int Growth	17.77	18.77s		1.10
Global Inc	18.59	19.90s		6.14
Mkt Leaders	16.74	17.92s		3.10
SCOTTISH UNIT MANAGERS 48, Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7HF 031-226 4372				
Pacific	69.1	73.4	+2.1	0.00
World Gth	35.5	37.7c	+0.4	0.98
N American	26.1	27.8	+1.6	0.57
Income Fd	49.6	52.7e	-0.5	4.86
European	35.1	37.3	+2.1	1.66
N Amer Inc	21.8	23.2e	+0.3	3.61
UK Gth	29.9	31.8e	-0.4	2.52
Extra Inc	35.9	39.2e	-0.6	5.20
SENTINEL FUNDS MANAGEMENT 30, City Rd, London EC1Y 2AY 01-638 6011				
Amer Tec/Gen	78.9	83.7e	+1.6	0.00
Pacific	160.1	195.5	+8.2	0.00
Sec Income Fd	187.6	208.7e	-1.5	3.50
Spec Sits	292.3	316.7c	-0.6	1.30
Int Gen	43.4	47.6	+0.7	0.00
[illegible] UNIT MANAGEMENT Enterprise House Portsmouth 0705 827733				
O'seas Sml Co	41.0	43.6	+1.3	0.87
Pension/Charit	610.1	649.0e		3.19
Recovery	£10.41	11.07		2.30
UK Sm Co Ex	98.4	104.6e	+3.7	1.54
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3, George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393 777				
Managed Acc	24.5	26.1	+0.2	2.75
Equity Gth Acc	28.8	30.6	-0.7	2.86
Equity High Inc	29.0	30.9e	-0.9	4.55
Equity Gen Acc	25.9	31.8e	-0.5	3.19
Do Income	26.1	27.8e	-0.4	3.19
UK Larger Acc	193.4	209.9	-1.6	4.39
Do Acc	179.7	195.0	-1.5	4.39
Gilt FI Inc	26.5	27.9e	+0.1	7.28
O s Larger Acc	166.3	180.5	+5.7	1.65
N Amer Acc	22.4	23.8	+0.9	1.77
Far East Acc	35.7	38.0	+0.8	0.00
European Acc	22.3	23.7	+1.0	1.86
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031-226 3271				
American Inc	184.7	196.9e	+5.0	1.24
Do Acc	208.7	222.5e	+5.7	
Do Withd	123.2	131.3e	+3.4	
Australian Inc	125.3	133.4	+4.4	0.53
Do Acc	127.9	136.2	+4.5	
British Inc	760.0	813.2		4.35
Do Acc	£10.68	11.43		
European Inc	237.8	253.3e	+6.6	0.51
Do Acc	258.8	287.2e	+8.3	
Japan Inc	68.5	73.4	+1.9	0.27
Do Acc	69.3	73.9	+1.8	
Sants PPP	250.8	264.0		
SUN ALLIANCE Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex 0403 56293				
Equity Acc	433.8	459.0	-3.4	3.28
Nth Amer Acc	49.3	52.4	-0.4	2.65
Far East Acc	94.3	100.3	+1.9	0.00
Worldwide Bd	46.7	49.6e	-0.9	7.70
European	45.9	48.8e	+2.1	1.92
Equity Inc Tst	62.8	66.8	-0.3	5.29
World Tech	38.5	40.9	+0.4	1.99
World Finan	40.1	42.6	+0.4	4.04
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview Basingstoke Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing no0256 841414				
UK Income	30.2	32.1	-0.4	4.08
Do Gth	27.7	29.4	-0.5	1.97
Worldwide	19.3	21.1	+0.4	1.80
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants, SP10 1RE 0264 56789 Dealings: 0264 63432/3/4				
American Inc	92.5	98.4	+4.5	1.85
Do Acc	98.0	104.2	+4.8	1.85
Br Gth Inc	51.0	54.2e	+2.3	3.10
Do Acc	52.1	55.4e	+2.4	3.10
European Inc	46.0	48.9	-0.2	0.86
Do Acc	46.7	49.5	-0.2	0.86
Extra Inc Inc	135.0	143.6e	+3.5	5.19
Do Acc	167.5	178.1e	+4.3	5.19
General Ut Inc	165.2	175.7	+8.3	3.00
Do Acc	278.9	296.7	+14.0	3.00
Gilt & Fixed	48.1	50.1	-0.4	9.09
Do Acc	69.2	72.0e	-0.6	9.09
Income	242.7	258.1	+9.1	4.26
Do Acc	391.9	416.9	+14.7	4.26
International	287.9	306.2e	+8.3	1.35
Do Acc	361.6	384.6e	+10.3	1.35
Pacific	164.0	174.4	+4.8	0.32
Do Acc	170.0	180.8	+4.7	0.32
Nat Resources	53.8	57.2e	+1.3	1.21
Do Acc	55.5	59.1e	+1.4	1.21
Selected Opps	69.9	74.3e	+1.7	1.98
Do Acc	78.2	83.1e	+1.8	1.98
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS Target House, Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury Bucks (0296) 394000				
Amer Eagle	55.0	58.4	+2.8	1.41
Australian	9.9	10.6	-0.7	0.10
Commodity	83.8	88.0e	+0.8	1.01
Equity	140.6	149.8	-1.9	3.28
Equity Exempt	117.5	124.8		1.46
Equity Ex Acc	223.0	237.6		1.46
Euro Spec Sit	83.3	88.2e	+3.1	1.23
Convertible	149.5	158.7e	+1.7	5.51
Financial	29.6	32.6s		1.93
Gold Income	69.5	73.7e	+0.3	0.67
Do Acc	128.1	136.5e	+0.7	0.67
Income	94.7	100.6e	-1.9	4.00
Japan	107.1	113.1	+1.9	0.10
Pacific Inc	105.0	111.5e	+8.0	0.95
Do Reinvest	130.8	138.5e	+7.5	0.95
Pref Share Fd	19.9	21.2e		8.62
UK Capital	91.8	98.1	+1.8	1.24
Special Sits	103.3	108.6	+0.2	0.57
Technology	36.4	38.7	+1.3	0.10
World Gth	141.8	151.0	+3.5	1.18
World Income	56.3	59.9e	+0.3	4.71
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Square London W1M 7HF 01 493 7262 Dealing Line 01 493 8545				
Amer Opp Dist	37.3	39.7	+1.3	1.20
Do Acc	37.6	40.0	+1.4	1.20
Euro Opp	42.3	45.0	-0.5	1.10
F East Opp Di	66.0	70.2	-3.8	0.75
Do Acc	66.2	70.4	-3.8	0.75
Gold Opp Acc	39.7	42.2	-5.1	1.16
Do Dist	39.7	42.2	-5.1	1.16
Int Hi Yield	43.0	45.7	-2.1	4.40
Japanese Opp	49.9	53.1	-0.4	0.05
Kangaroo Di	31.6	33.6	-4.6	1.43
Do Acc	31.6	33.6	-4.5	1.43
Oriental Inc	22.4	23.8e	-1.6	2.88
Do Acc	22.8	24.3e	-1.6	2.88
Pacific Tec Di	47.5	50.5	+1.4	0.00
Do Acc	47.5	50.5	+1.4	0.00
Tiger Dist	66.9	71.1	-4.5	0.70
Tiger Acc	67.2	71.5	-4.5	0.70
UK Opp Dist	58.4	62.1	+7.3	1.73
Do Acc	58.6	63.4	+7.5	1.73
UK Hi Yield	41.1	43.7	+2.5	8.57
[illegible] UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 31, Homer Road, Solihull, West Midlands B91 3QA 01 628-3355				
Smaller Co	62.9	66.8	+1.1	0.00
TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid House, 2, Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT 01-248 1250				
American Gth	32.9	35.6	+1.5	0.89
Far Sp Sit Inc	20.9	22.5e	+0.4	0.88
Do Acc	21.0	22.7e	+0.3	0.88
Gen Gth	59.0	63.8	-0.3	2.95
Global Tech	43.5	47.0e	+1.8	0.13
Income Gth	67.1	72.5	-0.9	5.18
Income Mthly	52.6	55.9e	-0.5	5.18
Japan Gth	49.8	53.5		0.19
Man Equity Inc	23.7	25.6	-0.2	2.87
Do Acc	24.0	25.9	-0.3	2.87
O'seas Gth	46.2	49.9c	+1.0	0.92
Smaller Co	88.9	93.9e	-0.3	1.81
Special Opp	103.7	112.1	-0.8	1.79
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUST Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 01-534 5544				
Charities	159.8	170.0e	-1.8	4.30
VANGUARD TRUST 65 Holborn Viaduct EC1A 2EU General Enquiries 01-236 3053 Dealing Line 01-236 2488				
Gth Inc	199.2	211.9	-1.6	2.22
Do Acc	298.7	317.8	-2.7	2.22
High Yield	253.9	270.1	-0.3	4.51
Do Acc	268.3	285.3	-0.4	4.51
Special Sits	52.4	56.7		1.81
Do Acc	53.6	57.0c		1.81
Trstee	147.5	157.0e	-8.4	4.39
Do Acc	235.2	250.2	-0.7	4.39
Amer & Gen	55.6	59.1e	+0.9	2.52
Do Acc	56.4	60.0e	+1.1	2.52
Master Portfl	263.73	85.36e	+0.23	3.31
Do Acc	265.21	55.98e	+0.28	3.31
Aus Fd Ast $	175.7	187.0e		2.21
Do Acc	179.0	190.5e		2.21
F East/Gen Inc	47.8	50.8	+0.8	1.32
Do Acc	47.8	50.8	+0.8	1.32
Euro Fd Inc	38.2	40.8	+1.7	1.70
Do Acc	38.3	40.7	+1.8	1.70
WARDLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 89 Bishopsgate London EC2P 3LA 01-374 0861				
American Tst	52.9	56.8	+1.8	1.40
Pacific Perf	103.3	109.4	+2.9	0.10
Int Growth	66.7	70.5	+0.4	0.40
Income Tst	106.3	113.7e	-1.0	4.80
Japan Gth	149.7	160.2e	+4.1	0.10
Small Co	148.5	158.7	+1.3	1.40
Technology	33.5	36.9e		0.10
Australia	42.0	45.0	+0.2	1.40
UK Tst	158.3	168.4	-2.0	1.80
European Gth	43.0	45.5	+1.4	0.10
Hong Kong	22.3	23.6		1.70
International	20.6	22.0	+0.1	7.50
Sing Maya	17.8	19.0	-0.1	1.00
WAVERLEY ASSET MANAGEMENT 13 Charlotte Square Edinburgh Scotland EH2 4DJ 031-225 1551				
Aus Gold	29.9	31.8		0.18
Pacific Basin	23.3	24.7e		0.80
Canadian Gth	48.9	52.0e		0.00
Gnrwe Me Fd	[illegible]	101.3e		10.10
WELLINGTON FUND MANAGERS Hibernia Chambers 2 London Bridge London SE1 9RA 01-403 5166				
Gth Fd	164.6	175.1e		1.70
Income Fd	110.0	117.0e		3.00
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey La EC2 8BT 01-606 9085/6				
Sht Dtd Gilt Fd	74.8	78.0	+0.1	0.00
US Govt Bd Fd	[illegible]	82.4e	-0.3	
Challenger	61.4	[illegible]	-0.1	0.00
WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD 01-405 8331				
Conv & Equity	65.8	69.8c		5.97
Income	75.0	78.7		3.46
Gilt	82.4	87.7e		0.83
Prop Share	42.0	44.7c		2.10

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). e Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday (2) Tuesday (3) Wednesday (4) Thursday (5) Friday (20) 25th of month (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month (40) Valued monthly (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month (44) Quarterly (45) 6th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1987 High	1987 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Chng	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1987 High	1987 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Chng	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was same at 74.6 (day's range 74.6).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for November 2

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.7290-1.7400	1.7390-1.7400	0.32-0.29pr	0.68-0.63pr
Montrl	2.2732-2.2819	2.2763-2.2793	0.31-0.20pr	0.57-0.45pr
Amstrdm	3.3452-3.3536	3.3447-3.3492	1¼-1⅛pr	3⅝-3⅜pr
Brussels	62.11-62.40	62.20-62.35	12-10pr	35-29pr
Copnhgn	11.4725-11.5229	11.5075-11.5229	⅜-1⅛ds	3⅞-4⅜ds
Dublin	1.1155-1.1198	1.1165-1.1175	3-8ds	par-7ds
Frankft	2.9713-2.9791	2.9738-2.9781	1½-1¼pr	4-3⅞pr
Lisbon	239.76-241.41	240.40-241.41	42-98ds	199-292ds
Madrid	198.17-198.80	198.34-198.60	84-154ds	202-275ds
Milan	2186.72-2187.91	2189.10-2195.57	4-8ds	15-19ds
Oslo	11.2498-11.3120	11.2881-11.3120	4⅛-4⅞ds	14⅛-15⅜ds
Paris	10.0398-10.1160	10.0862-10.1180	⅜pr-⅛ds	1⅜-⅜pr
Stckhlm	10.6542-10.6924	10.6811-10.6924	⅜pr-⅛ds	1⅛-1⅛pr
Tokyo	237.70-238.62	237.75-238.14	1⅜-1pr	3-2⅞pr
Vienna	20.93-21.01	20.98-21.01	8⅜-7⅛pr	24-20⅞pr
Zurich	2.4546-2.4615	2.4573-2.4613	1⅜-1⅛pr	3⅞-3⅞pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	6.9912-7.0819
Australia dollar	2.5471-2.5524
Bahrain dinar	0.6505-0.6545
Brazil cruzado *	96.2486-96.7857
Cyprus pound	0.7950-0.8050
Finland marka	7.2950-7.3350
Greece drachma	231.50-239.50
Hong Kong dollar	13.509-13.520
India rupee	22.39-22.59
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4765-0.4805
Malaysia dollar	4.3331-4.3377
Mexico peso	28.15-28.65
New Zealand dollar	2.8634-2.8794
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.4700-6.5100
Singapore dollar	3.5715-3.5754
S Africa rand (fin)	8.9620-6.0702
S Africa rand (com)	3.4325-3.4414
U A E dirham	6.3350-6.3750

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5445-1.5475	Denmark	6.6400-6.6500	Italy	1264.5-1265.5
Singapore	2.0645-2.0655	W Germany	1.7163-1.7173	Belgium (Com)	35.86-35.96
Malaysia	2.5050-2.5060	Switzerland	1.4192-1.4202	Hong Kong	7.8090-7.8100
Australia	0.6780-0.6790	Netherlands	1.9315-1.9325	Portugal	138.50-139.50
Canada	1.3130-1.3140	France	5.8275-5.8325	Spain	114.55-114.65
Sweden	6.1675-6.1775	Japan	137.30-137.40	Austria	12.10-12.12
Norway	6.5100-6.5200				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 9½ Finance Hse 10½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 9½ Low 8½ Week fixed: 9½

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 9⅟₃₂ 3 mth – 9⅛
Selling: 2 mth – 9⅟₃₂ 3 mth – 9

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 9⅟₁₆-9⅟₃₂ 2 mth: 9⅛-9⅟₁₆ 3 mth: 9-8¹⁵⁄₁₆
6 mth 8⅞-8¾

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 9¹¹⁄₁₆ 2 mth: 9⅝ 3 mth: 9⅝
6 mth 9⅜

Interbank (%) Overnight: open 9½ close 9
1 week 9½-9⅜ 1 mth: 9⁷⁄₁₆-9⁵⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 9⅜-9¼
6 mth 9⅜-9¼ 9 mth: 9⅜-9⅛ 12 mth: 9⅜-9¼

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day 9⅜ 7 day 9¼ 1 mth 9⁵⁄₁₆
3 mth 9⅜ 6 mth: 9⅜ 12 mth: 9⅜

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth 9⁷⁄₁₆-9⁵⁄₁₆ 2 mth: 9⁷⁄₁₆-9⁵⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 9⁷⁄₁₆-9⁵⁄₁₆
6 mth 9½-9¼ 9 mth 9⁹⁄₁₆-9⁷⁄₁₆ 12 mth: 9⁹⁄₁₆-9⁷⁄₁₆

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mth 9⅜-9¼ 3 mth. 9⅜-9¼ 6 mth: 9⅜-9¼
12 mth 9⅜-9¼

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mth: 7.15-7.10 3 mth. 7.85-7.80 6 mth 7.70-7.65
12 mth: 8.05-8.00

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar: Call: 7¼-6⅞	6¹³⁄₁₆-6¹¹⁄₁₆	7⁷⁄₁₆-6¹⁵⁄₁₆	7¹⁵⁄₁₆-7¹³⁄₁₆	7¹⁵⁄₁₆-7¹³⁄₁₆
Deutschemark: Call: 4-3	3⁹⁄₁₆-3⁷⁄₁₆	3⅝-3½	4¹⁄₁₆-3¹⁵⁄₁₆	4⅛-4⅛
French Franc: Call: 7½-6½	9⅛-9	9⅛-8⅞	9⅛-8⅞	9⅛-8⅞
Swiss Franc: Call: 1½-½	1⅝-1½	2⅝-2½	3¹³⁄₁₆-3¹¹⁄₁₆	3¹³⁄₁₆-3¹¹⁄₁₆
Yen: Call: 3⅝-2½	4⁷⁄₁₆-4⁵⁄₁₆	4⅝-4½	4½-4⅜	4⅝-4½

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: 30 October 1987 . Agreed rates 25 November 1987 to 25 December, 1987 Scheme I: 11.36 per cent. Schemes II & III: 11.29 per cent. Reference rate 1 October 1987 to 30 October 1987 Scheme IV: 10.094 per cent.

GOLD

BULLION:
Open $470.00-470.50 Close: $470.00-470.50
High $470.50-471.00 Low $469.00-469.50

COINS: Per coin (*Ex VAT)
Britannia. $484.00-489.00 (£279.25-282.75)
Krugerrand* $469.00-472.00 (£270.75-272.75)
Mapleleaf (1/10oz): $484.00-489.00 (£279.25-282.75)
American Eagles. $484.00-489.00 (£279.25-282.75)
New Sovereigns* $110.50-111.50 (£63.75-64.50)
Old Sovereigns* $110.50-112.00 (£63.75-64.75)
Platinum. $528.00 (£305.05)
Palladium. $117.25 (£67.75)
Silver $6.99-7.01 (£4.035-4.050)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three Month Sterling		Previous open interest 19258			
Dec 87	90.98	91.03	90.88	90.91	2573
Mar 88	91.08	91.08	90.97	91.02	586
Jun 88	90.86	90.93	90.86	90.83	97
Sep 88	90.84	90.84	90.84	90.82	50
Dec 88	NT			90.76	0
Mar 89	NT			90.70	0
Three Month Eurodollar		Previous open interest 37028			
Dec 87	92.38	92.42	92.26	92.25	3400
Mar 88	92.17	92.22	92.09	92.09	1273
Jun 88	91.72	91.74	91.66	91.65	345
Sep 88	91.35	91.40	91.29	91.32	120
Dec 88	NT			91.06	0
Mar 89	NT			90.89	0
US Treasury Bond		Previous open interest 13207			
Dec 87	87-04	87-11	86-22	86-26	3745
Mar 88	86-03	86-03	86-03	85-28	5
Long Gilt		Previous open interest 25770			
Dec 87	120-23	120-28	120-10	120-23	15089
Mar 88	120-24	120-24	120-18	120-23	10
Jun 88	NT				
FT-SE 100		Previous open interest 8711			
Dec 87	172.00	173.66	170.50	173.10	1469
Mar 88	NT			177.10	
Japanese Govt Bond		Previous open interest 476			
Dec 87	105.70	105.70	105.40	105.47	277
Mar 88	NT			104.97	0

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

After a quiet start, weakness set in and the trend was reinforced by the Merc later in the day. Fundamentals have that weak look, with sour barrels in the Med and the US struggling to find homes. Utter lack of interest for all products led to lower prices in very thin trade.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	18.55	-25
15 day Nov	18.65	-20
15 day Dec	18.70	-20
WTI Dec	19.65	-30
WTI Jan	19.55	-30

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas 15		186-188	
Gasoil EEC		171-172	-1
Non 1H Nov	-2	164-166	-1
Non 1H Dec	-1	167-168	-1
3.5 Fuel Oil	-1	97-98	-2
Naphta		162-163	

GAS OIL G W Joynson

Nov	167.00-66.75
Dec	167.50-67.25
Jan	167.50-67.00
Feb	166.00-65.50
Mar	164.00-62.00
Apr	162.00-58.00
May	160.00-56.00
Jun	159.00-55.00
Jul	159.00-55.00
Vol	2121

HVY FUEL OIL Reuter

Nov	unq.-99.00
Dec	95.0-101.0
Vol	10

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

Jan 88	Hi 1239-1240	Low	Close 1232.0
Apr 88	Hi 1263-1260	Low	Close 1255.0
Jul 88	Hi 1147-1140	Low	Close 1131.5
Oct 88	Hi 1225-unq.	Low	Close 1205.0
Vol 72 lots			Open interest 1582

Dry cargo index 1172.5 +1.0 on 30/10/87

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Feb	99.0	101.3
Mar	88.0	90.5
Apr	145.5	149.7
May	160.5	163.0
		Vol 1007

LONDON FOX

COCOA G W Joynson

Dec 1120-119	Sep 1217-215
Mar 1153-152	Dec 1238-237
May 1176-175	Mar 1260-259
Jul 1196-195	Vol 3529

COFFEE G W Joynson

Nov 1249-248	Jul 1360-358
Jan 1285-283	Sep 1370-360
Mar 1315-314	Nov 1400-360
May 1342-335	Vol 4838

SUGAR C Czarnikow
FOB Vol: 3689

Dec 160.6-60.6	Aug 168.6-69.0
Feb 170.0-70.2	Oct 171.4-72.0
May 172.8-73.0	Dec 174.6-76.6

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 202
Nv 109.45 Ja 112.25 Mr 114.25
My 116.70 Jl 119.10 Sp 102.00

BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 85
Nv 105.85 Ja 107.25 Mr 109.30
My 111.00 Sp 98.50 Nv 100.75

SOYABEAN

Dec 131.0-30.5	Aug 123.0-22.5
Feb 132.5-32.0	Oct 123.5-23.2
Apr 132.5-31.5	Dec 126.0-24.0
Jun 124.0-23.5	Vol 91

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Official prices/volume previous day Rudolf Wolf

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1200.0-1202.0	1115.0-1116.0	222025	Firmer
Copper Stand	1157.0-1160.0	1105.0-1106.0	Nil	Quiet
Lead	342.0-342.5	336.5-337.0	43375	Steadier
Zinc Hi Gde	450.0-450.5	455.0-456.0	19625	Steadier
Silver Large†	699.0-701.0	713.0-715.0	38	Quiet
Silver Small†	699.0-701.0	713.0-715.0	Nil	Idle
Aluminium	1066.0-1067.0	1000.0-1001.0	190775	Steadier
Aluminium Hi*	1840.0-1860.0	1740.0-1760.0	10075	Idle
Nickel	3375-3380	3340-3350	5172	Firmer

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (£/kg)

Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	unq.	
Feb		
Apr		
Jun		

Live Cattle Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	unq.	
Jan		
Feb		

Vol Pig-0 Cattle-1

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on November 2

(/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	75.03	181.33	97.32
GB (+/-)	+0.04	+10.30	+2.36
Eng/Wal (%)	+11.2	+2.2	+20.8
Eng/Wal (p)	75.02	181.75	97.20
Eng/Wal (+/-)	+0.06	+10.74	+2.34
Scotland (%)	-6.5	-15.9	+39.9
Scotland (p)	75.26	179.49	98.38
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High-tech companies need new perks

THE WEEK

By Geof Wheelwright

As the stock market has tumbled last month, so too have the fortunes of many employees of the high-technology firms that have sprung up over the last five years.

Many have used the option to buy stock in their companies. Since growth rates in some companies have exceeded 200 per cent, the ability to buy shares through an employee share-purchase scheme has been a big attraction.

Employee share-option schemes operate at several companies, from Digital Equipment to Apple and from Lotus Development to Electronic Arts. They are usually based on employees who stay with the company for a certain period of time.

They are offered shares in the *company at a preferential rate.* The idea is that it not only acts as an incentive for new employees to resist poaching by competitors, but provides them with greater reason to help the company to make money.

Stock market prices for high-technology firms have suffered particularly badly in the recent slide. Several Silicon Valley firms, with a lot of staff employed in Britain, such as Apple, Atari and Amdahl, have seen their prices cut in half, or worse. While many share-option schemes for employees are linked to a market price, the large and fast swings in the prices of these companies makes it increasingly difficult to maintain an attractive scheme.

If recovery is slow, computer businesses may have to look at other "sweeteners", particularly when trying to seek out software-development talent, which is always in short supply.

Yet recruitment and employee share-purchase plans may be the least of some companies' problems in the deflated stock market as they find their stocks valued at even less than their annual turnovers.

Such bargain-basement prices could tempt corporate raiders into the high-technology stocks when companies such as Amstrad — another company to see its stock-market value halved, and a company such as Tandon — which makes disc drives and personal computers — dropped to a valuation of $100 million on a $400 million annual turnover.

The reaction of Amstrad's chairman and founder, Alan Sugar, to the stock market problems and the potential dangers represented was typical.

"We can only get on with the job in hand and that's what we're doing," he said.

For takeovers in the high-tech world to succeed, there is usually some form of common interest. Examples include Jack Tramiel's acquisition of the ailing Atari computer company from Warner Communications almost three years ago and the buy-out last year by Alan Sugar of Sir Clive Sinclair's home-computer range. In both cases, Mr Tramiel and Mr Sugar knew the home-computer businesses extremely well.

Some argue, however, that selling computers and the software to go with them is simply a marketing job. They might point to people such as Apple UK's managing director, David Hancock, about to move to international operations for Apple, and who came to the firm three years ago from Gillette. He represents an example of what is described as a "second phase" of management in computer companies by bringing in marketing people who know the business of selling and running a company first and the computer industry second.

Taking a chip off the old oak block

PEOPLE

By Eddie Coulter

"I have never had ambition," says Iann Barron, 50 this year and director, shareholder and driving force behind Inmos, the British semi-conductor company.

It is a surprising comment, as Mr Barron has made a reasonable fortune from computers, and is recognized internationally by the computer industry as an academic and entrepreneur.

His track record reads like a history of the British computer industry. He was just 22 when he designed the first commercial transistorized computer in Britain — a best-seller in its time.

By 23 he was on civilian technical assignments with the Army Operational Research Group and the Air Ministry. At 29 he was head of his own *mini-computer company and* subsequently designed a time-sharing machine which was ahead of its time.

Later he was to go on to raise £50 million from the British Government to put UK semiconductor manufacturing on the world map and led the team which has designed the world's fastest micro-processor.

Now owned by Thorn-EMI, *Inmos was once the subject of* political in-fighting and Cabinet-level discussions under both Labour and Tory governments before Iann Barron's dream of Britain's own semi-conductor stake was realized.

He describes his attitude to ambition as "never having the time to think about it.

"*In terms of ambition* I have not really planned what I have achieved", he says. "And I don't have any future ambition. I only have a focus for now and that's to make Inmos and the transputer successful. After that, I will sit down and think about the future."

The transputer Iann Barron *refers to is an innovative* micro-processor designed under his direction using a new computer architecture. A

Iann Barron: A fortune

floating-point version of the transputer is at the heart of an EEC super-computer development under the Esprit programme.

This chip will process instructions at the equivalent rate of 100 million per second — that is 10,000 times faster than the first transistor computer Mr Barron designed in the 1950s.

In 1977 what was to become Inmos was first mooted by ex-Mostek president and semi-conductor specialist Richard Petritz. Iann Barron was encountering difficulties with immigration officials at Toronto airport, following a conference he attended there.

Mr Petritz recognized Mr Barron, having met him at the conference, helped to resolve the airport problem and while they travelled together on the flight, proposed the subject of a new semi-conductor company.

Wanting to work in the UK and to see Britain with a decent stake in the immense world market of microchips, Iann Barron set to work raising the money from the National Enterprise Board. The rest of the Inmos story is well documented, but earlier lessons learned resulted in one of the attitudes which Iann Barron actively pursues today.

"To be successful in Britain with any semi-conductor pro*ducts you need a world* market", he says. "The bulk of that market is not in Europe. I don't believe there is a role for national or localized markets in semi-conductor manufacturing. We are aiming with compete fair and square with the major Japanese and American companies. If we can't do that there is no point in being in business."

Pursuit of success for Inmos and the transputer gives Iann Barron little time to rest. He has not had a holiday for a number of years and often loses weekends with business travelling and meetings. Yet he denies that he is a workaholic. "I can live without my work," he says.

Not working means time spent walking and reading at *his 16th-century house in a* small village outside Bristol, not far from his Inmos office.

A lover of old oak-beamed houses, Iann Barron gives a wry, disapproving smile when asked if he has a computer terminal at home. It implies that it would be sacrilege to mix technology with historical beauty. It *is obviously one* place where, as far as Iann Barron is concerned, the chips are left firmly alone.

Extra-loving care for the employee

RECRUITMENT

By Pat Sweet

Most companies attempt to hang on to their computer staff through their pay packet. Many employers devise attractive salary and benefits packages in order to persuade staff with scarce skills to stay.

But one computer services group is working with organizations such as financial institutions and large multinationals which are starting to feel that some extra care and attention, rather than more cash, may be what is needed.

"Such companies believe employees in management services are looking for more than just salary as a reward and that they want to see a planned career progression throughout their company life," explains CMG management consultant Fred Robson.

Plotting a career path

Plotting a career path for a computer professional inside an organization primarily dedicated to banking, for instance, can prove very difficult for the personnel department.

CMG has taken on assignments to draw up career development programmes for entire management services departments. These will include devising the organizational chart, defining grade structure and working out how those grades match similar positions of responsibility elsewhere in the company.

The firm also defines each employee's career path, both inside management services, and on occasion spreading out into the company's mainstream activities.

"Often people who come into computing want to stay technically oriented and don't want to have to move into administration or management areas just so they can get a higher grading and salary. The career path should offer salaries and grades that allow people to stay within the technical environment," Mr Robson said.

The career development programme also indicates what sort of training will be needed at various times in an individual's career. Mr Robson finds that those companies which do invest in training for their computer staff tend to concentrate on purely technical courses.

"But we find people in management services departments often want training in interpersonal skills. It's a service function and many of the employees need the sort of techniques taught on sales training courses in order to negotiate with their users," Mr Robson pointed out.

CMG interviews groups of management services employees to determine their views on their training needs. These discussions invariably lead on to what Mr Robson terms "associated observations", chief among which is a desire to feel more involved with the company's business.

"On one level managers often feel they are not brought in on the decision- making process enough. And nearly always management services employees feel people don't communicate to them enough information about what is happening in the company," Mr Robson said.

Fred Robson: Management needs training in inter-personal skills

Communications can be difficult

Communications can be difficult if a company has numerous sites. But Mr Robson believes that a serious attempt to make the computer department feel part of the company, plus a clearly- defined career path for everyone, may be more effective in improving staff retention levels than big pay increases.

BRIEFING

Compaq move on Scottish plant

■ Compaq is to bring toward the second phase of its Scottish plant development, to start two months before the first phase has gone into production. The new factory at Erskine, near Glasgow, should create an estimated 350 new jobs by the end of 1988, a year ahead of schedule. Compaq intends to produce all its full range of desktop and portable computers, including the new Compaq Deskpro 386/20 and the Portable 386 at the Scottish plant.

Work on a first-phase building is nearing completion on schedule, ready to start delivering computers at the start of next year.

■ Sun Microsystems has announced that Xerox has become its second major customer in a month for its new high-speed microprocessor. Xerox said that it would incorporate Sun's chip into its computers and that it was also negotiating more extensive technology exchange agreements with Sun. Last month AT&T said it would also build machines using the Sun chip.

The two announcements indicate a fast start for Sun's new high-speed chip, known as Sparc. Sun is also trying to rally support for a new standard operating system for computers based on AT & T's Unix operating system. AT & T and Sun announced have an agreement to cooperate on developing a standard version of Unix. Xerox, which has used its own operating system, said it would adopt the joint AT & T-Sun operating system.

■ With tempting incentives ranging from tax breaks and free land to cut-rate electricity and lottery-subsidized infrastructure, the state of Oregon — sandwiched between California and Washington on the Pacific coast — is courting Japanese industry in a big way. The Japanese are responding, eagerly flocking to a lush area of forests, rivers, mountains and gentle rain to build manufacturing facilities. More than 60 Japanese companies have facilities in Oregon, the largest among them built since 1984, when the state repealed its unitary tax on worldwide profits of companies that locate there. Repeal of the tax, which California still has, cost the state an estimated 15 million dollars in annual revenue.

Japanese companies have since plowed initial investments into the state totalling more than £120 million with potential investment equalling nearly £500 million, promising increased business and property-tax revenues several times the loss.

■ Japan's NEC Corporation, the world's largest computer microchip maker, has seen profits stagnate over the last six months due, says the company to the strong yen and trade friction. NEC, which makes everything from supercomputers to home appliances, said its exports slumped in the six months ending September 30 as the high yen made its products less competitive abroad. NEC said it recorded net profits of 16 billion yen (£66 million) in the first half of the fiscal year, virtually unchanged from the same period a year earlier. Sales increased slightly during the perid to 1,048 billion yen (£4.3 billion).

Managing director Kazuyoshi Akimoto forecast good times ahead, saying net profits for the year as a whole should show a 35 per cent increase.

■ IBM is joining the flood of companies that have announced stock buyback programs in the face of a volatile market, with a decision to repurchase up to $1 billion (£570 million) of its stock. Many companies have made similar moves in part to *show confidence in themselves.*

Marti Easterbrook, an IBM spokeswoman, said the buyback is an extension of a current $2.5 billion (£1.43 billion) buy-back program, which should be completed in a few weeks. The company said its board had authorized it to buy its shares in blocks of 5,000 from time to time on the open market. IBM's stock price has dropped from a high of $175 a *share earlier this year to a low of* $102 after the market collapse on October 19th. The company plans to pay for the stock repurchases with general corporate funds. IBM is today expected to name a delivery date for the extended version of the OS/2 operating system for its Personal System/2 computers.

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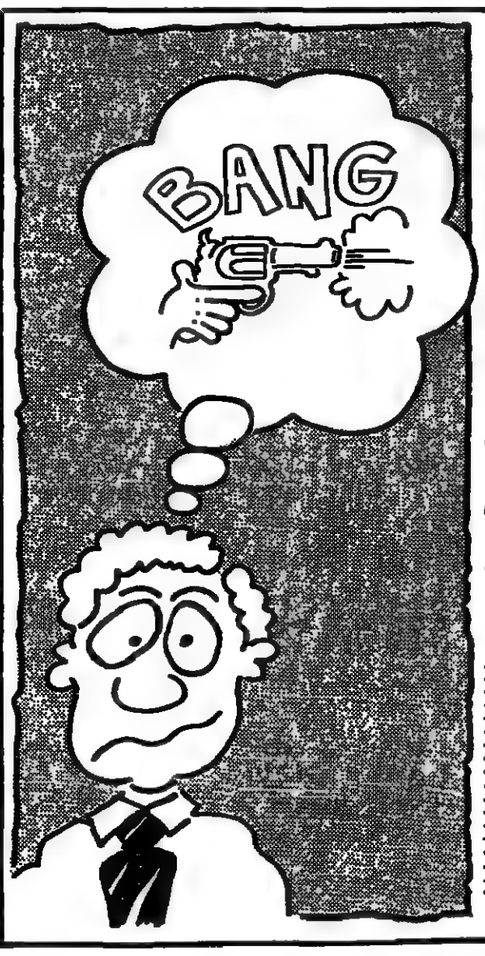

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COMPUTER HORIZONS/2

For the Pick of the jobs

JOBSCENE

By Eddie Coulter

While most of the computer industry has been aware of the Pick operating system for some time, its significance has, in many ways, been played down.

Suddenly the market is coming awake and is said to be growing at between 40 and 50 per cent a year. By next year it is estimated that there will be 100,000 Pick-based machines with a million screens in use worldwide.

Already 50 per cent of stock-exchange *back-office systems* — back offices being the computing area with the most catching-up to do since Big Bang and last month's "Big Burn" — are using Pick. There are also many users in the health area, police, defence and a variety of *individual end-user departments*. And the skills shortage problem is starting to rear its head.

Mark Harris, managing director of Brookteam Computer Recruitment, a specialist Pick recruitment consultancy set up 18 months ago, said: "Pick is renowned for being a well-kept secret.

"The market has been building for the last five years. Now there is a great

More companies to enter the market

demand for staff with Pick experience, particularly those people who have specific applications knowledge such as in manufacturing."

Originated by Dick Pick as part of a US defence development for helicopter spares during the Vietnam war, the operating system has had an intriguing history.

Legal processes in the US in the late 1970s slowed the take-up of Pick, until the US courts ruled equally on both the rights of Mr Pick and Microdata, the computer manufacturer for whom he had worked.

Microdata had built a minicomputer

Mark Harris, managing director of Brookteam Computer Recruitment: Pick is renowned for being a well-kept secret

around the operating system — the only time an operating system has preceded commercial hardware. Thus Pick had two masters: McDonnell Douglas, which began to push the operating system after the US court decision in 1981, and Mr Pick himself. Like a sleeping giant awakening, Pick's started to take off — its capabilities for database management integral within the operating system and fuelled by the general surge in database usage.

There now exist 25 Pick licences with Pick-based machines available from manufacturers such as Prime and General Automation as well as McDonnell Douglas.

Recently Fujitsu in Japan and Intertechnique in France also announced *plans to enter the Pick market* with new systems which should soon reach the UK. There is even a micro-based version of Pick, known as Revelation, which runs under DOS on many PCs.

According to Mr Harris demand is increasing at all levels for Pick staff, but programmers and analysts with experience of structured techniques and those with knowledge of the Pick-based fourth-generation language All, are the most highly sought.

Additionally, Mr Harris believes, there is a greater move by users towards larger Pick-based systems. It means that professionalism of the personnel is set to increase.

Originally, it was the fact that there were a lot of *smaller Pick systems* with end-users feeling isolated from the rest of the data processing community, that led Alan Pritchard, data manager of the Planning and Statistics Unit at the City of London Polytechnic, to found the Pick User Group in the UK in September last year and become its inaugural chairman. At the last count more than 300 users were in the group.

"Many Pick users are not traditional computer people at all," he said. "They are accountants, stores controllers, policemen. Yet suddenly they are in demand. There exist 4,000 Pick-based systems in the UK and installations will probably increase by 2,000 in the next year.

"That will mean perhaps an extra 3,000 Pick personnel — programmers, analysts, project managers — being required."

Many of the people needed for Pick systems development will possibly progress from the end-user area, according to Alan Pritchard. He considers that an increase in salaries is inevitable as Pick

Additional benefits for the employees

gains increasing strength in the market place.However, as Mr Harris points out, the Pick recruitment market is more stable in salary scales across the country — they are not excessively high even in the City.

About 50 per cent of Mr Harris' applicants for jobs are more than willing to relocate to various parts of the country, although many wish to avoid the excessive house prices of the south-east. And though consultants can command up to £30,000, most vacancies are for analyst-programmers in the £12,000 to £18,000 a year bracket, with many jobs offering additional benefits such as cars.

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A guide to career opportunities

Climbing the housing stairs

Men have taken over most of the top jobs in Britain's housing, reports Sally Watts, who advises how women are fighting their way back

Keen on welfare but technically inept: to whatever extent this traditional image of women still applies, it is a factor contributing to the uncertain career prospects of trained and qualified women who work in housing.

Although women slightly outnumber men in the profession they pioneered from Octavia Hill's day, it has become strongly dominated by men, with women holding disproportionately few of the top posts. And those who will want to return from a career break should not imagine that, because they are qualified, they will be able to return at the same level after several years at home. It doesn't happen.

The better news is that in the last few years several developments have occurred towards improving women's prospects. One is the networking pressure group Women in Housing (WiH), which was formed in 1981. Another is that working parties relating to women have been set up by the Institute of Housing (IoH), the professional body, and the National Federation of Housing Associations. The former has produced booklets and organized courses to help trained and experienced women return to paid work after a career break.

Further, there has been the work of the Housing Employment Register and Advice (HERA), a non-profit-making employment register set up with the backing of WiH and a London housing association. HERA is mainly, though not exclusively, for women seeking, among other objectives, to improve their career and employment outlook.

Young women should be positive about a career in housing and not simply drift in, as many do, sometimes as the result of inadequate careers advice.

Instead, they need to know about the different types of work, which areas offer opportunities for advancement and responsibility, such as estate management and technical services, and which are likely to be a cul-de-sac — housing aid, homelessness and admin.

To learn more about this, and how to prepare for your career, it would be helpful to obtain *Women at Work in Housing* (£2.95, plus 30p p&p, from HERA), which draws on the experience of women in this field and offers possible solutions to some of the obstacles and discrimination they encounter.

It is written by Kate Leevers who, at the age of 28, became chief housing advisory officer to a London borough. She is now 30 and recently returned to the same job after taking only the statutory six months' maternity leave for the birth of her first child.

She explains in her book why housing, once women's territory, is now dominated by men. The expansion of the housing association movement and local government reorganization brought better-paid managerial posts which have made the work more attractive to men; the "caring" jobs to which women gravitate, or are assumed to prefer, do not offer good promotion prospects; and the career break not only causes them to slip back, but affects their recruitment, training and promotion.

Most of the basic jobs are done by women — housing assistants, estate officers, interviewers, clerical staff — and though some use their job as a stepping stone others are content to stay at this level, while those who lack training prospects may have no choice.

Kate's first job with her London borough was as an estate manager, a good choice because it involved many aspects of work. Later, she was promoted to deputy area manager, then to her present role in which she has a staff of nearly 20, of whom about half are men.

"I'm a good example of someone who has been pushed on," she told me. Two people were responsible: as mentor, the deputy director who encouraged her as a trainee in her first job in the West Midlands; as role model, a young woman who went into housing straight from school (Kate is a graduate) and forged ahead, gaining her professional qualification and working up to principal officer.

Many women lack this kind of drive and determination.Kate would like to see beginners moving around at basic levels; more women entering jobs at the sharper, more influential end — financial, technical, development — and taking responsibility for staff; and more girls taking technical subjects at school.

Her book suggests strategies for women hoping to return to work after having children, and illustrates their predicament by quoting from their accounts. It was partly these which scared her into taking only the statutory maternity leave — "I didn't want to have to build up my confidence again."

But the situation is improving. "Job sharing is increasing like mad — some local authorities have gone in for it in a big way. Assertiveness training has become respectable and today there are also management courses for women."

Between now and next spring, HERA is running a London training programme which includes housing jobs, assertiveness, being effective, career development workshops and key housing issues.

HERA is run by Kate Hargreaves. She previously directed a small housing association. A glance at her CV might provide beginners with some useful ideas. After graduating she spent two years on an International Voluntary Service scheme in the Seychelles, which included helping to renovate palm-leaf houses. This, she says, enabled her to understand a whole range of issues involved in building and gave an insight into the economic aspect housing projects.

Back in Britain, she got a job as "a very lowly housing clerk" with a local authority and studied for the IoH's professional qualification (then called the diploma in housing management). A year in Ontario with a housing association followed, giving her an insight into how other organizations work, and later she joined a UK housing association and worked up from assistant to housing and development manager, then moved as director to a different type of association.

Kate Hargreaves suggests three qualities for a housing career: an interest both in people and in the practical, technical aspect of buildings, and a working knowledge of finance.

You do not need a degree. "People skills are more important," according to one graduate. However, there are recognized housing degrees. Alternatively, you can study for the IoH's professional qualification, a part-time, three-year course with exams held twice yearly. Subjects include legal, building, financial and management studies, and planning and development.

Students must be in housing-related work. Those under 25 need five GCEs, including two at A-level, or a relevant Business and Technician Education Council diploma or certificate, or the Scottish equivalent in either case.

Although housing is not particularly well paid, the rewards are high in terms of job satisfaction, and will be increasingly so for women as they, and their employers, improve their prospects.

"It matters to the women who aim for the higher levels of their profession. It matters because employers use scarce resources in training women whose expertise and experience are underutilized. It matters, most subtly, because women are not sufficiently involved in the most influential planning, architecture and design decisions, which affect the quality of life of huge numbers of consumers of housing services."

● **Housing Employment Register and Advice**, 8th Floor, Artillery House, Artillery Row, London SW1P 1RX. Tel: 01-799 2128. Publications also include *Jobs & Careers in Housing*, by Diana Hodson, price £4 plus 40p p&p, which describes the range of work, and *Job Search: An Information Handbook*, price £1.50, plus 30p p&p.

● **Institute of Housing**, 9 White Lion Street, Islington, London N1 9XJ. Tel: 01-837 4280.

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Woman to be evicted after 50 years

Sefton Holdings Ltd v Cairns

Before Lord Justice Lloyd and Sir Roualeyn Cumming-Bruce

[Judgment November 2]

Whether a person was entitled to succeed to a statutory tenancy on the death of the first successor of the original protected or statutory tenant, within the meaning of section 2 of and paragraph 7 of Schedule 1 to the Rent Act 1977, depended on that person being a member of the deceased's family and not merely living as a member of the family or being a member of the household.

The Court of Appeal so held when it allowed the appeal of the plaintiff landlords, Sefton Holdings Ltd, against the decision of Judge Downey at Liverpool County Court on August 11, 1987, when she dismissed their claim for possession of the dwelling house, 49 Cherry Avenue, Walton, Liverpool, from the defendant, Miss Florence Cairns.

Miss Bernadette Goodman for the plaintiff landlords; Miss Linda Pearce for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said that the plaintiffs let the premises to the original tenant in 1939-1941 when the house was built. He died in 1965, his daughter succeeded to the tenancy and she died in 1986.

The defendant came to live with the family in 1941, aged 23; she was single, both parents had died, her boyfriend had just been killed in the war, and the daughter had asked her parents to take her in. They treated her as their own daughter. She was now aged 70 and had lived in the same house since 1941.

His Lordship said that the defendant was clearly residing with the deceased daughter (of the original tenant) at the time of her death, but the question was whether she was a member of her family within the terms of the 1977 Act.

No court could but sympathise with a woman aged 70 who was in danger of being turned out of the house where she had resided for nearly 50 years, but the court had to apply the law. It had been held over and over again that the word "family" in this context had to be given its ordinary everyday meaning.

The present case was covered by the passage in the judgment of Lord Justice Russell in *Ross v Collins* ([1964] 1 WLR 425, 432) which was expressly approved of by the House of Lords in *Joram Developments Ltd v Sharratt* ([1979] 1 WLR 928, 931).

There was no doubt that the defendant and the deceased regarded each other as sisters, but the fact remained that in 1940 when the defendant was taken in, she was taken in as a stranger.

However long she lived with the family and was treated kindly by them, she did not and could not become a member of the deceased daughter's family. The length of residence could not transform her into a member of the family.

Miss Pearce submitted that she became at any rate a member of the parents' family by adoption, and it was clear, in his Lordship's view, that *de facto* adoption was enough to make a child a member of the family; but the court had to ask whether she was a member of the deceased's family, not that of the parents.

Nor was there any decided authority which held that the protection of the 1977 Act covered a *de facto* adoption of an adult. It could not be said that the defendant was brought up as a child of the family, and she had not become a member by adoption whether *de facto* or *de jure*.

In approaching the present case, his Lordship bore in mind the distinction drawn by Viscount Dilhorne in the *Joram Developments* case, at p932, between being a member of the family and being a member of the household, and the distinction between being a member of the family and living as a member of the family. Clearly, the defendant was not a member of the family, and the appeal had to be allowed.

SIR ROUALEYN CUMMING-BRUCE, agreeing, said it was clear that the defendant became a member of the household.

Throughout the mounting line of cases, there was no case in which a court found it possible to identify the necessary ingredient or quality that distinguished a familial nexus from a nexus which was less than familial.

Being a member of the family was different from being treated as a member of the family.

Solicitors: R. H. Vyner-Brooks & Co, Liverpool; Ashby Cornforth & Co, Liverpool.

Relationship stable enough for tenancy

Chios Investment Property Co Ltd v Lopez

Where the facts showed that an occupant's relationship with a deceased protected or statutory tenant had reached a sufficient state of permanence and stability for it to be said that in all the circumstances he was a member of the original tenant's family, the occupant was entitled to succeed to the statutory tenancy within the terms of paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 to the Rent Act 1977.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Parker and Sir George Waller) so held on October 28 when they dismissed the plaintiff company's appeal from the the decision of Mr Assistant Recorder Mann, QC, who, on March 2, 1987, at Bloomsbury County Court held that the defendant, Miss Arranz Lopez, was the statutory tenant of the plaintiff's flat in succession to Mr Sharaf El-Din, she being a member of his family and residing with him at the time of and for a period of six months immediately before his death.

SIR GEORGE WALLER said that, although it was submitted that the relationship of only two years should have resulted in a different conclusion, there could be no rule about length; of course, the longer the relationship the easier it would be to infer permanence.

There was no reason for interfering with the judge's conclusions and he had applied the correct test. The instant case was most exceptional and should not be regarded as a precedent entitling courts to draw a similar inference from a similar short period of time unless there were wholly exceptional surrounding circumstances.

Judge to act in charge of QB lists

Judge in Charge of Lists

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Potential prejudice insufficient to establish forgery offence

Regina v Garcia

Before Lord Justice Russell, Mr Justice Leggatt and Mr Justice Alliott

[Reasons October 29]

Sections 3 and 10 of the Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981 had to be read together to show a necessary double intent in the offence of using a false instrument under section 1(1) of that Act, that is, there must be an intent to induce somebody to accept the false instrument as genuine under section 3 and an intent that that person should act to his own or someone else's prejudice under section 10. Potential prejudice alone did not suffice as it was necessary that the event, if it occurred, must result in the loss of property.

The Court of Appeal so stated in giving reasons for upholding on October 9 Emilio Garcia's appeal against conviction on November 7, 1986 at Isleworth Crown Court (Judge Percy and a jury) on one count of conspiring to use false instruments, namely Trans World Airlines tickets and miscellaneous charging orders, contrary to section 1(1) of the Criminal Law Act 1977.

Section 3 of the 1981 provides: "It is an offence for a person to use . . . an instrument which is, and which he knows or believes to be, false, with the intention of inducing somebody to accept it as genuine, and by reason of so accepting it to do or not to do some act to his own or any other person's prejudice."

Section 10 provides: ". . . for the purposes of this part of this Act an act or omission intended to be induced is to a person's prejudice if, and only if, it is one which, if it occurs – (a) will result – (1) in his temporary or permanent loss of property . . .".

Mr David Lederman, assigned by the Registrar for Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Nicholas Coleman for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL said that the judge failed to give any direction to the jury as to double intention and in so far as the summing up dealt with passengers it introduced their "inconvenience and upset", considerations outside the scope of section 10.

Furthermore potential prejudice was insufficient and the use of the words that passengers were "clearly persons who could well have been prejudiced" was inappropriate as section 10 contained the words "will result".

Having regard to the complete absence of an appropriate direction it was not a suitable case to apply the proviso to section 2(1) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968.

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Ivan Lendl will this week experience what life may have been like had he not chosen tennis

Puckish adventure for the master

Ivan Lendl has arranged to play in goal this week, but nobody will recognize him. He will be encased in the armour appropriate to his task, as he has persuaded one or two ice hockey stars to shoot pucks at him. The best tennis player in the business will thus have a concentrated sample of the goaltending role he suspects might have been his favourite alternative career.

"Since I was about three, my parents took me to watch hockey," he explained to an informal gathering of familiar scribes. "It's my favourite sport to watch." Evidently Lendl likes speed and an element of danger, because he also enjoys the motor racing scene, has spent a couple of hours at the wheel on the Porsche test track, and once clocked 160 mph. He even has a model race track set up in the basement of his Connecticut home.

In short, Lendl's active interest in sport extends far beyond tennis and golf. His affection for ice hockey and fast cars may be based on an affinity with split-second reactions. But it also sits oddly with the concern for health and fitness that governs much of his professional thinking. We must put him down as one of those men who respect the odds but believe that without the spice of calculated risk life would be less worth living.

"When I retire, I don't want it to be because of health problems," he said. "That's the saddest thing. On the physical side — strength and stamina — I have done about as much as I can. But psychology: that's unexplored. I believe the brain is a muscle, like any other, and can be improved." The way ahead for tennis, he considers, lies in psychology and in deeper medical study of diet and the volume and methods of practice.

Lendl has reached the top and stayed there because he is restless in his pursuit of improvement. But he may already be close to the peak; that point at which a man reaches the limit of his resources. The warning clouds gather when there is little progress to show for increasing physical and mental effort.

Bjorn Borg and John McEnroe went through that experience, though McEnroe has yet to admit — publicly, anyway — that his peak is behind him. "I haven't been blessed as much as McEnroe has," Lendl said. "He will always be remembered for his genius and his behaviour. But he's hurting his image, tennis-wise. He has to work harder but I don't think his body can take it. He talks about carrying on for about two years, but it wouldn't surprise me if it was only four months or so.

"McEnroe couldn't improve, before, because everything came so easily to him and he wasn't willing to work. Borg was not as talented, even though he won Wimbledon five times — which was a tremendous achievement but a mystery to me."

Lendl has been runner-up at Wimbledon for the past two years: but he lost three United States finals before winning three. "I'm extremely steady on grass," he said. "Very solid. But I have not been able to lift my game — I can do it on other surfaces — when playing somebody who is playing unbelievably well."

Lendl needs Wimbledon. He would not be at peace with himself for the rest of his life, he said, unless he did everything in his power to complete a grand slam of the four major championships. He is going to Australia four weeks in advance. Aged 27, Lendl must achieve a grand slam soon or not at all.

Meantime, his domestic future remains, to some extent, in the pending tray. He may marry ("Samantha is extremely understanding"), but considers that one way or another it would be "cheating" to have children while he was travelling the world. "I like to do things 100 per cent," Lendl added.

That message has been coming through loud and clear for years. The surprising news concerned Lendl's ice hockey assignment. Lucky indeed will be the favoured few who watch the French and US champion fielding flying pucks instead of Boris Becker services.

Rex Bellamy

Wild card Castle

Andrew Castle, Britain's No. 1, has been given one of the three wild card places into the Benson and Hedges £287,000 tournament at Wembley from November 10 to 15. The other two will be handed out later this week.

Familiar guise: Lendl on his way to another victory, against Mecir, in Antwerp on Sunday

RACKETS

Returning to the fold after 48 years

By William Stephens

After an absence of 48 years, Cheltenham College today resumes its role as a rackets-playing school. Restoration work has recently been completed on a court which was last used in 1939, and the first ball since then will be struck by the headmaster, Richard Morgan.

The court is in the east wing of an elegant Victorian sports hall, which overlooks the cricket square on which Gloucestershire play at home during the Festival. The building was constructed in 1864 to house a rackets court at each end with a gymnasium between. During the Second World War the block was requisitioned by the War Department and used for storage and afterwards the west court was converted into a cricket pavilion while the east court was used as a workshop for the maintenance department.

Cheltenham entered the first public schools championship in 1868 and their pair, J. J. Reid and A. T. Myers, reached the final, where they lost to Eton, 3-4. They have never again gone so far, and the last pair to compete in the championship was P. B. C. Moore (now Lord Moore) and E. S. L. Mason, in 1939.

A champion of the college who also achieved eminence in later life was R. T. Reid, who became Lord Loreburn and Lord Chancellor. He had been champion in 1862, when the game was played in open-air courts built in 1852 and later converted into a museum.

The best-known name among Cheltenham rackets players this century was probably K. S. Duleepsinhji, who later played cricket for England. He played rackets for Cheltenham in the public schools championship for three years running (1921-23) and in 1926 played first string for Cambridge in the University match.

The revival of rackets at Cheltenham is owed to the inspiration and initiative of the headmaster and Sir Ronald Prain, formerly chairman of the College governing body. Richard Morgan gained his enthusiasm for the game while teaching at Radley, and despite having attended a school without a rackets court — Sherborne — he entered the Noel Brace cup public schools old boys' competition with David Summerscale, now headmaster of Westminster.

In 1963 they lost in the first round, 0-4, to Haileybury and ISC, and in 1964, after a walk-over in the first round, they lost 0-3 to the eventual winners, Eton.

The headmaster of Cheltenham has invited Ronald Hughes to visit the College twice a week as professional to teach the game. Hughes retired last year after 30 years as the Malvern College professional. The captain of rackets is to be Toby Gordon. Morgan intends to open a public evening class at the court for local players to enjoy the game and plans to hold a Cheltenham "Gold Racquet" tournament annually.

The headmaster said last week: "The College is indebted to the Tennis and Rackets Association not only for the expert help received in the restoration of the court but also for their generosity in financial support."

ICE HOCKEY

Only Fife remain unbeaten

With Murrayfield Racers and Whitley Warriors suffering their first defeats at the weekend, only Fife Flyers remain unbeaten in the premier division of the Heineken League (a special correspondent writes).

They confirmed their position as favourites with a hard-earned victory, 7-4, over their great rivals from Murrayfield, Fred Perlini contributing four goals and two assists.

But Tony Hand, who was limited to a single assist by the close checking of Flyers' Ian Robertson, was back in scoring form the following night with three goals and four assists in Racers' 14-2 win against Whitley Warriors.

Lower down the table, there were notable achievements by three Midland clubs. The 15 goals scored by Nottingham Panthers, in defeating a depleted Dundee Rockets side, constituted a new club record in the Heineken League. Peterborough Pirates gained their first premier division home victory at the twentieth attempt, 9-4 against Streatham Redskins. And the two points Solihull Barons took from their 10-6 win over Ayr Bruins were the first they have gained in 18 premier division games against Scottish opposition.

Britain's fastest-growing sport welcomed another rink to the fold on Sunday. More than 1,000 fans supporters saw Bracknell Bees win their first home game in the second division, 13-3 against Medway Marauders, thanks largely to their player-coach, Jamie Crapper, formerly of Durham, Nottingham and Solihull, who scored six goals and added three assists.

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Fife Flyers 7, Murrayfield Racers 4; Nottingham Panthers 15, Dundee Rockets 4; Streatham Redskins 16, Ayr Bruins 4; Durham Wasps 15, Dundee Rockets 5; Murrayfield Racers 14, Whitley Warriors 2; Peterborough Pirates 9, Streatham Redskins 4; Solihull Barons 10, Ayr Bruins 6. First division: Avemore Blackhawks 2, Deeside Dragons 14; Sunderland Chiefs 6, Trafford Metros 10; Swindon Wildcats 11, Telford Tigers 21; Cardiff Devils 8, Richmond Flyers 4; Glasgow Eagles 10, Cleveland Bombers 4; Kirkcaldy Kestrels 1, Deeside Dragons 9; Medway Bears 8, Slough Jets 11; Southampton Vikings 15, Lee Valley Lions 9; Trafford Metros 12, Blackpool Seagulls 2.

BOBSLEIGHING

Problems put Phipps out of first round

Nick Phipps has been forced to withdraw from the British team for this week's opening round of the Foster's World Cup series in Altenburg, East Germany (Chris Moore writes).

Phipps has a problem with his four-man sled, which needs correcting before he takes part in the Winter Olympics in Calgary.

He will continue preparing on the West German track at Winterberg for next week's second World Cup event there, which incorporates the Veltins Cup. Phipps' place at Altenburg this week has been taken by Simon Meade, who finished second in Sunday's British four-man championship.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

Littlewoods Cup Third round replay
Watford v Swindon (7.45)

Barclays League
First division
Arsenal v Chelsea (7.45)

Second division
Birmingham v Barnsley
C Palace v Plymouth (7.45)
Hull v Bradford
Ipswich v Huddersfield (7.45)
Millwall v Bournemouth (7.45)
Shrewsbury v A Villa

Third division
Blackpool v Bristol C
Bury v Mansfield
Chesterfield v Wigan
Fulham v Grimsby
Gillingham v Brentford (7.45)
Rotherham v Notts Co
Sunderland v Southend
Walsall v Aldershot

GM Vauxhall Conference
Kettering v Cheltenham

Fourth division
Cambridge v Hereford (7.45)
Carlisle v Leyton Orient
Darlington v Crewe
Halifax v Burnley
Newport v Bolton
Rochdale v Colchester
Scunthorpe v Wrexham
Stockport v Hartlepool
Swansea v Wolverhampton
Torquay v Tranmere

Fine Fare Scottish League
First division
Partick v Kilmarnock

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Second round, second leg (First leg score in brackets): Sporting Lisbon (Por) (0) v Kalmar (Swe) (1).
UEFA CUP: Second round, second leg (First leg score in brackets): Werder Bremen (WG) (1) v Spartak Moscow (USSR) (4).
SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Roadberry Cup: Second round: Distillery v Ards.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Manchester United v Coventry (7.0).
SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Swindon v Portsmouth (2.0)

GM ACCEPTANCE CUP: First round: Aylesbury v Leytonstone Ilford. Second round: Dartford v Barnet; Goole v Morecambe; Macclesfield v Altrincham; Slough v Bognor; Telford v Worcester.
FA TROPHY: Second qualifying round: Banbury v Tilbury (7.45). Replay: Thanet v Marlow (7.45).
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Barrow v Chorley.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Kingstonian v Carshalton; Windsor and Eton v Hayes. First division: Walthamstow Avenue v Billericay; Walton and Hersham v Woking; Worthing v Leatherhead. Second division north: Aveley v Wivenhoe; Rainham v Witham; Saffron Walden v Hertford; Ware v Letchworth Garden City. Second division south: Banstead v Horsham; Egham v Flackwell Heath; Harefield v Newbury; Hungerford v Petersfield; Metropolitan Police v Camberley.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Willenhall v Crawley. Westgate Insurance Cup: First round: Badworth v Nuneaton.
FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Leyton Orient v Epsom and Ewell.

RUGBY UNION
TOUR MATCH: Pembrokeshire v US Eagles (at Whitland, 2.30).

CLUB MATCHES: Abertillery v Tredegar (7.0); Penarth v Newbridge (7.0).

OTHER SPORT
BOWLS: CIS Insurance UK indoor singles championship (at Preston).
BOXING: British and Commonwealth heavyweight championship: Horace Notice v Paul Lister (at Crowtree leisure centre, Sunderland).
GOLF: Golf Foundation schools qualifying competition (at Beaconsfield).
ICE HOCKEY: Norwich Union Cup: English final, first leg: Solihull Barons v Durham Wasps.
SPEEDWAY: British League: Bradford v Ipswich.
TENNIS: LTA Women's tournament (at Telford).

SPORT ON TV
AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Highlights from America's National Football League. C4: 10 p.m.
BOWLS: CIS Insurance United Kingdom indoor singles championship from the Guild Hall, Preston. BBC2: 2.15-5.30 p.m. BBC1: 11.10 p.m.
BOXING: Seconds out: From York Hall, Bethnal Green. ITV: 11.30 p.m.

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RACING: FLAT FORM SUGGESTS AKEHURST'S CHARGE IS IN RIGHT MOOD TO MAKE SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION TO HURDLING

Heart Of Stone set to defy top weight

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Following a couple of pipe-openers on the Flat at Warwick and Newbury, *Heart Of Stone* should be in the right shape to win the Vintage Veuve Clicquot Handicap Hurdle at Fontwell today. He is my nap.

In the first of those races he was beaten only *a short head* after an absence of four months, and in the second, a much tougher assignment, ran creditably when seventh to Woodpecker.

Two seasons ago Heart Of Stone showed that he was also an accomplished hurdler when he won over today's course and distance, and also at Stratford, and last autumn looked all set for another profitable season when he finished a neck second in the valuable Timeform Handicap Hurdle at Chepstow.

Unfortunately, Reg Akehurst's five-year-old was then kicked badly at the start of his next intended race at Newbury, so much so that that was the last *we saw of him for* a considerable time.

He is thought to be back to his best again now though, and he should be capable of giving weight to Oryx Minor and Royal Stag, both of whom *have already shaped with* promise this season. The former ran well at Newbury when runner-up to Keynes and the latter equally so at Kempton where he finished third to Staghound.

My other principle fancy on *the ever-popular* West Sussex figure of eight track is the three-times course winner **Fearless Imp** to win the Frank Cundell Challenge Trophy despite a hefty 11st 13lb.

It was by only a neck that he *succumbed to Boardman's* Style on his seasonal debut at Plumpton three weeks ago and he will be sharper for that.

Dowegian, who has won over hurdles either side of finishing fourth to Winter *Measure on his chasing debut*, looks in the right sort of form to win the Cobbold Roach RNLI Novices' Chase.

The enthralling struggle between Steve Cauthen and Pat Eddery for this year's jockeys' championship will be the focal point of interest at Leicester where both men are in action.

I think that Cauthen can draw first blood by winning the first division of the Hoby Maiden Stakes on **Count Nulin**, who was runner-up to *the useful Raykour on his* debut on this same course two weeks ago.

However, Eddery should counter by winning the Tugby EBF Stakes on **Apple Rings** and follow up on **Festival Mood** in the Pytchley Stakes.

Apple Rings, who won a race confined to apprentices at Pontefract in June, faced much tougher opposition at Thirsk last time when she was runner-up to the Nell Gwyn stakes winner Martha Stevens. There is no rival of that calibre in today's field.

After winning at Salisbury, Festival Mood (4.0) could finish only fourth behind Yachtsman at Doncaster. *However, a repetition of that* form may well be sufficient to beat Tharwat and Nebula Way, who are closely weighted on earlier form at Brighton.

Vayrua (3.30), who finished second behind Yachtsman in that same race at *Doncaster*, can win the second division of the Hoby Maiden Stakes by beating Implore.

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Selections

By Mandarin
1.30 Count Nulin. 2.00 Patient Dreamer. 2.30 Wensleydalewarrior. 3.00 Apple Rings. 3.30 Vayrua. 4.00 Festival Mood.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.30 Javert. 2.00 Highland Laird. 2.30 Panel Game. 3.00 Apple Rings. 3.30 Implore. 4.00 THARWAT (nap).

By Michael Seely
1.30 COUNT NULIN (nap). 3.30 Vayrua.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.30 COUNT NULIN.

Going: soft — **5f-6f low numbers best**

1.30 HOBY MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O: £1,087: 1m) (19 runners)

No	Draw	Form	Horse, age, weight	Jockey	Rating
2	(19)	2	COUNT NULIN 14 (N Philipps) H Cecil 9-0	S Cauthen	● 99
6	(6)	30	FIREWORK WILLIAM 14 (M Rogers) G Balding 9-0	J Williams	64
9	(14)		JAVERT (Cheveley Park Stud) L Cumani 9-0	R Cochrane	—
10	(3)	00	JOHNNY DANGEROUSLY 90 (P Nelson) M Fetherston-Godley 9-0	C Rutter	68
11	(9)	0	MACARTHUR 7 (Mrs A Henson) M W Easterby 9-0	G Duffield	—
13	(15)	000	MAWKAB 27 (Hamdan Al Maktoum) C Benstead 9-0	B Rouse	65
14	(17)	00	MR THERM 13 (Lord Belper) M W Easterby 9-0	W Swinburn	—
16	(8)		RAZEEN (A Foustok) W O'Gorman 9-0	NON-RUNNER	—
19	(5)	00	SULCIS 19 (E Landi) J Dunlop 9-0	Pat Eddery	80
21	(10)	3	TOUCH FOR LUCK 14 (J Smith) R Sheather 9-0	B Raymond	85
23	(16)	00	VINTAGE 27 (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) W Hern 9-0	W Carson	80
26	(11)	0	ALMETINGO 15 (M Bevin) B McMahon 8-9	T Williams	—
27	(1)	00	FANTASQUE 90 (T Minahan) Pat Mitchell 8-9	J Quinn (5)	—
28	(2)	00	JASMIN PATH 8 (J Hooper) H Fleming 8-9	M Wigham	—
29	(13)		KATHY COOK (Mrs C Cooper) R Hollinshead 8-9	S Perks	—
31	(18)	000200	LOVING 10 (G R Bailey Ltd) G Blum 8-9	W Ryan	91
32	(12)	000	MARINOUSSA 15 (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 8-8	M Roberts	88
33	(4)		POINT OF HONOUR (E Loder) P Cole 8-9	T Quinn	—
34	(7)		RASTANNORA (F Salman) P Cole 8-9	D Atkinson	—

BETTING: 11-10 Count Nulin, 4-1 Javert, 5-1 Touch For Luck, 10-1 Point Of Honour, Vintage, 12-1 Marinoussa, Sulcis, 14-1 others.

1986: (Part I) BETTY JANE 8-11 W Carson (6-5 fav) J Dunlop 17 ran
(Part II) SHOOTING PARTY 9-0 W Ryan (6-5 fav) H Cecil 16 ran
(Part III) SALAZIE 8-11 W Carson (8-1) W Hastings-Bass 17 ran

FORM COUNT NULIN (9-0) was beaten ¾l by the more experienced Raykour (9-0) here last month (7f, £1992, soft, Oct 20, 17 ran). The pair drew 7l clear of TOUCH OF LUCK (9-0), while FIREWORK WILLIAM (9-0) finished 8th.
JAVERT (Foaled: Mar 18, Cost: 40,000 gns) is half-brother to four winners, most notably New Berry, and more recently Lidhame.
POINT OF HONOUR (Foaled: May 8) is a full-sister to this year's dual Oaks winner Unite.
Selection: COUNT NULIN

2.0 BARSEY SELLING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £896: 1m 4f) (11 runners)

No	Draw	Form	Horse, age, weight	Jockey	Rating
1	(11)	000-042	MR CHRIS CAKEMAKER 26 (P Davies) M Naughton 9-7	S Cauthen	95
3	(3)	003000	ACHILL BAY 15 (B) (D McBain) M McCormack 9-4	Paul Eddery	93
5	(2)	000001	HIGHLAND LAIRD 5 (D,S) (D Hunnisett) D Morley 9-0 (5ex)	Pat Eddery	95
10	(7)	000030	YAVARRO 66 (B) (D Sharpe) J Old 8-8	W Newnes	93
11	(9)	223100	DAWN SKY 28 (B,D,F) (Serlby Racing Ltd) J Balding 8-7	N Day	98
12	(10)	0-10002	TOKANDA 17 (F) (F Yardley) F Yardley 8-6	G Duffield	93
13	(6)	030004	PATIENT DREAMER 10 (Mrs S Palmer) H Collingridge 8-4	M Rimmer	● 99
15	(4)	003050	IF YOU PLEASE 7 (F Folkes) D Wintle 8-3	T Williams	93
17	(8)	403000	JULIO'S LAD 17 (G Simpson) P Rohan 8-0	L Charnock	90
18	(1)	003400	SPRING FORWARD 7 (Mrs T Daniels) Pat Mitchell 8-0	J Quinn (5)	90
19	(5)	104000	UNO'S PET 28 (G) (C Wheeler) K Stone 7-13	G Carter	95

BETTING: 3-1 Highland Laird, 4-1 Patient Dreamer, 5-1 Mr Chris Cakemaker, Tokanda, 8-1 Dawn Sky, Yavarro, 8-1 If You Please, 10-1 others.

1986: JULTOWN LAD 7-11 W Carson (8-1) W Hastings-Bass 17 ran

FORM MR CHRIS CAKEMAKER (8-1) was right back to her best at York last time (1m 2f 110yd, Seller, £3070, good, Oct 8, 12 ran) when ½l 2nd to Lendi's Gold (7-9).
HIGHLAND LAIRD (8-8) made all the running to beat Jealous Lover (8-4) 4l at Folkestone (1m 4f, Seller, £896, good to soft, Oct 29, 8 ran).
TOKANDA (9-0) finished 2½l 2nd of 12 to Lyn Rae (9-5) in a Catterick seller (1m 4f 40yd, £1040, good to soft, Oct 17) with PATIENT DREAMER (8-11) 6½l 5th and JULIO'S LAD (8-7) 1l 6th.
PATIENT DREAMER (8-3) is still a maiden but ran a decent race at Doncaster last time (1m 4f, Seller, £3840, good, Oct 24, 15 ran) 8½l 4th behind Goodwyns Lad (8-5).
Selection: MR CHRIS CAKEMAKER

2.30 FOSSE WAY CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,248: 1m) (22 runners)

No	Draw	Form	Horse, age, weight	Jockey	Rating
2	(20)	003000	SYLVAN WHISPER 36 (Mrs R Johnson) P Mitchell 9-7	T Ives	72
3	(3)	0400-00	TOUCH OF SPEED 11 (K Fischer) J Francome 9-7	J Williams	70
4	(1)		CHANGE OF SEASON (Exors T Stratton Smith) D Arbuthnot 9-4	M McGonagle (7)	—
5	(9)	00002	PANEL GAME 15 (A Massingberd-Mundy) C Brittain 9-4	S Cauthen	73
6	(2)	0000	FIRST ERROR 8 (K Bradley) K Bridgwater 9-3	D Bridgwater (7)	85
8	(6)	003000	WENSLEYDALEWARRIOR 28 (F,G,S) (C Woods) G Moore 9-3	W Newnes	95
10	(16)	100-0	WORTHY PRINCE 36 (F) (W O'Callaghan) J Payne 9-1	P D'Arcy	80
11	(14)	00	EEGEE WHIP 7 (Industrial Glove co Ltd) M Eckley 8-10	L Riggio (7)	—
13	(5)	40-0010	COUNT TREVISIO 7 (B,BF,S) (M Hartley) R Sheather 8-9	B Tarvit (7)	● 99
14	(13)	201003	HAILEY'S RUN 15 (S) (R Barnes) M Pipe 8-9	Paul Eddery	87
16	(19)	040000	DAMART 21 (B,D,S) (P Davies) M Naughton 8-7	M Wigham	80
17	(12)	140-000	URRAY ON HARRY 31 (BF,G) (D Coppenhall) R Hollinshead 8-7	A Culhane (5)	95
18	(19)	43000	BRIGHT FAVOR 26 (C Blackwell) R Hannon 8-6	B Rouse	92
19	(4)	000002	CREE'S FIGURINE 15 (G) (C Pearman) M Fetherston-Godley 8-6	Pat Eddery	96
21	(8)	00	I'M UNFORGETTABLE 15 (I Thompson) D Murray-Smith 8-6	R Wernham	—
22	(11)	012400	FRANK THE BANK 8 (F) (F Farrant) M Pipe 8-5	S Whitworth	88
23	(7)	30-0000	MAYBEMUSIC 136 (F) (N Draper) P Bevan 8-5	G Bardwell (5)	—
24	(10)	0	BRIANSTAN CLARE 7 (Mrs J Passey) R Peacock 8-4	—	—
25	(22)	0	KEYBOARD PRINCE 15 (Miss V Markowiak) J Long 8-4	J Standing (7)	—
26	(15)	0-00	MEG'S MONEY 15 (B) (R Harman) D Leslie 8-4	N Carlisle	—
28	(21)	400-00	SOME DREAM 7 (C Blackwell) J Winter 8-4	T Quinn	79
31	(17)	000-4	POLLAN BAY 8 (M MacCarthy) T Casey 8-0	T Williams	70

BETTING: 9-4 Count Travisio, 5-1 Some Dream, Urray On Harry, 6-1 Crees Figurine, Panel Game, Worthy Prince, 8-1 Frank The Bank, 10-1 others.

1986: (1m 2f) (Div I) PRIME NUMBER 9-6 T Quinn (10-1) P Cole 14 ran
(Div II) HOT MOMMA 8-12 Paul Eddery (9-2) R Boss 15 ran

FORM PANEL GAME (7-13) ran her best race last time out, beaten 4l by Holtermann (9-0) at Chepstow (1m, £1892, soft, Oct 19, 21 ran); *with FRANK THE BANK* (8-2) 7½l back in 6th. I'M UNFORGETTABLE (8-0) and KEYBOARD PRINCE (8-2) behind.
URRAY ON HARRY was well beaten over 1m 2f but has claims on a 3½l, 5th (9-7) to Ciren Jester (8-3) at Doncaster (1m, £3840, good, Sept 11, 22 ran); with CREE'S FIGURINE (9-1) 7th and SYLVAN WHISPER (8-6) behind.
CREE'S FIGURINE (8-0) had HAILEY'S RUN (8-4) 4l behind in 3rd when 6l 2nd to Bold Duchess (8-6) at Chepstow (1m, £1825, soft, Oct 19, 17 ran). EEGEE WHIP (8-0) was tailed off.
Selection: URRAY ON HARRY

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103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.0 TUGBY EBF STAKES (£3,321: 7f) (16 runners)

No	Draw	Form	Horse, age, weight	Jockey	Rating
1	(10)	210000	BIN SHADDAD 11 (CD,F,S) (Ali K Al Jafleh) Mrs L Piggott 3-9-12	T Ives	83
2	(13)	30-	DUE DILLIGENCE 58 (F,S) (Metropole Ltd) K White 5-9-12	J Williams	—
3	(8)	080000	CUMBRIAN DANCER 97 (F,S) (Miss A Alexander) J Parkes 4-9-8	—	52
4	(15)	000000	HAY STREET 11 (F,G) (Mrs J Curson) R Champion 6-9-4	B Raymond	81
7	(2)	10	IN GLORY 24 (D,BF,G) (R Sangster) B Hills 3-8-12	S Cauthen	88
9	(3)	214230	NEVADA MIX 15 (BF,F) (N McConnell) N Gaselee 3-8-11	B Rouse	69
10	(1)	00	ITMA 99 (R Gibbons) C Benstead 4-8-10		70
11	(14)	00000	PLAGUE O'RATS 15 (F) (R Hesketh) R Smyly 3-8-10	W Ryan	65
13	(9)		BILDAD (Mrs H Candy) H Candy 3-8-8	W Newnes	—
14	(7)	0200	GOLDEN DISPLAY 15 (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 3-8-8	J Curant	—
17	(12)	00-2000	SHAKANA 21 (Miss K Rausing) R Johnson Houghton 4-8-7	J Reid	70
18	(5)	004000	LADY MOONLIGHT 11 (D,S) (Roldvale Ltd) P Kelleway 3-8-6	M Roberts	79
19	(15)	0212	APPLE RINGS 59 (G) (Mrs E Williams) W Hastings-Bass 3-8-5	Pat Eddery	98
20	(4)	00000	ATHIR 26 (Hamdan Al Maktoum) C Benstead 3-8-5	T Williams	—
21	(6)	20-0000	BEAUCHAMP BUZZ 80 (E Penser) J Dunlop 3-8-5	W Carson	● 99
23	(11)		RUSSLEY (Mrs T Wade) A Bailey 3-8-5	P Bloomfield	—

BETTING: 5-2 Apple Rings, 11-4 In Glory, 5-1 Beauchamp Buzz, 6-1 Bin Shaddad, 8-1 Itma, Lady Moonlight, Plague O'Rats, 10-1 others.

1986: BARCLAY STREET 3-9-0 J Reid (10-1) I Matthews 20 ran

FORM BIN SHADDAD, a course and distance winner, ran a good race at Newbury on penultimate start (1m, £3916, good, Jun 30, 8 ran) when (8-9) 5l 5th to Tahilla (8-4).
IN GLORY could not quicken on the heavy ground at York last time and is best judged (8-4) on 1l beating of Albyn Lady (8-8) on debut at Yarmouth (7f, £3189, good, Sept 17, 7 ran).
PLAGUE O'RATS (8-11) finished 12l 5th of 11 to Sher Shah (9-5) here last month (1m, £3542, soft, Oct 19, 11 ran) with GOLDEN DISPLAY (8-11) 8th.
APPLE RINGS (8-7) is well treated by race conditions. Last time finished 2½l 2nd to Martha Stevens (8-12) at Thirsk (6f, £2700, good, Sept 5, 9 ran) after a ten week absence.
BEAUCHAMP BUZZ, has not run since August, but has definite claims on after (9-1) a 3l 5th to Leyali (8-11) at Newmarket (7f, £8298, good to firm, July 9, 13 ran).
Selection: APPLE RINGS

3.30 HOBY MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O: £1,053: 1m) (21 runners)

No	Draw	Form	Horse, age, weight	Jockey	Rating
2	(5)	00	BIDSTON MILL 14 (A Pilter) P Haslam 9-0	D McKeown	—
3	(17)	00	BLUE WIZARD 29 (Gutting Stud Ltd) P Cole 9-0	D Atkinson	—
4	(6)	00	BRAVE CRUSADER 116 (J Mountford) M Haynes 9-0	J Reid	—
6	(9)	340300	DESERT EMPEROR 22 (A Saleh) F Durr 9-0	A Barclay	91
8	(7)		EMMA TOM BAY (Mrs B Waring) Mrs B Waring 9-0	J Williams	—
11	(3)		MAGNUS PYM (C St George) H Cecil 9-0	S Cauthen	—
13	(18)	00	OSTURA 20 (F Salman) P Cole 9-0	D Carson (7)	—
14	(21)	0	ROYAL BOROUGH 19 (Lord Chelsea) J Dunlop 9-0	W Carson	80
15	(19)	30	SANTAC 26 (Miss C Jacques) M Tompkins 9-0	A Al Reda (7)	89
16	(10)	00	SKY CONQUEROR 28 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) O Douieb 9-0	R Machado	85
17	(2)		STORADA (F Sahad) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	—
18	(13)	2	VAYRUA 11 (A Clore) B Hills 9-0	M Hills	● 99
19	(20)	0	BELLA REBECCA 15 (E Holding) Mrs L Piggott 8-9	T Ives	—
20	(14)	000	B GRADE 21 (J Tunstall) J Balding 8-9	N Day	—
21	(4)	00	CAYMAN QUEEN 27 (J Furzel) M Tompkins 8-9	G King (5)	—
22	(15)	0	COMELEATEE 20 (Mrs H Clarke) R Hollinshead 8-9	S Perks	—
23	(16)		FAST CHICK (Duke of Marlborough) J Dunlop 8-9	Pat Eddery	—
24	(1)	4	IMPLORE 15 (J Wigan) M Stoute 8-9	W R Swinburn	90
26	(12)	00000	IVORDOLL 21 (Rodvic Ltd) K Bridgwater 8-9	P D'Arcy	88
29	(11)	000000	SPRINGHOUSEDRESSES 20 (Spring House Dresses Ltd) G Blum 8-9	W Ryan	75
30	(8)	00	TURKISH STAR 26 (B Farr) M W Easterby 8-9	B Raymond	—

BETTING: 7-4 Magnus Pym, 11-4 Vayrua, 7-2 Implore, 8-1 Sky Conqueror, 10-1 Bella Rebecca, 12-1 Royal Borough, 14-1 Storada, 16-1 others.

1986: (Part I) FRENCH GONDOLIER 9-0 Paul Eddery (3-1) O Douieb 18 ran
(Part 2) HAATIF 9-0 R Hills (Evens fav) H Thomson Jones 17 ran

FORM DESERT EMPEROR (9-4) has claims on after a 3l 3rd to Pield Heath (7-10) in a Warwick nursery (1m, £2108, firm, Aug 31, 14 ran).
ROYAL BOROUGH (9-0) should improve on Newmarket debut (1m, Maiden, £4360, good to soft, Oct 15, 16 ran) when 19l 5th to Highbrow (8-9).
VAYRUA (8-11) made a promising Doncaster debut (7f, £1959, good, Oct 23) when 4l 2nd of 23 to Yachtsman (9-3).
IMPLORE (8-11) is bound to come on for a 6½l 4th of 11 to Pretoria (8-11) here last month (7f, £1964, soft, Oct 19).
MAGNUS PYM (Foaled: May 18, Cost: 64,000 gns) is the second foal of Full of Reason, a useful performer over 1m 4f.
STORADA (Foaled: May 17, Cost: $105,000) is out of a half-sister to Law Society who has already produced a winner in the United States.
Selection: VAYRUA

4.0 PYTCHLEY STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,607: 7f) (7 runners)

No	Draw	Form	Horse, age, weight	Jockey	Rating
4	(5)	014	FESTIVAL MOOD 11 (D,S) (J Lea) B Hills 9-0	Pat Eddery	97
5	(4)	0311	THARWAT 17 (F,S) (Hamdan Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0	R Hills	96
7	(7)	00	AMPHOTERIC VENTURE 12 (Ventura Chemical Products Ltd) R Akehurst 8-11	—	75
10	(6)	0	EL CASTILLO 32 (Mrs A Muinos) G Lewis 8-11	G Sexton	—
16	(3)	00	JANUARY DON 41 (Mrs S Burley) J Winter 8-11	W R Swinburn	—
19	(2)	332	NEBULA WAY 28 (BF) (P Vela) J Dunlop 8-11	W Carson	● 99
22	(1)	0000	SPEEDY SNAPS LAD 14 (B Bishop) K Bridgwater 8-11	D Bridgwater (7)	—

BETTING: 6-4 Tharwat, 3-1 Festival Mood, Nebula Way, 8-1 Amphoteric Venture, 14-1 January Don, 20-1 others.

1986: LOUD APPEAL 8-11 A Kimberley (14-1) M Stoute 16 ran

FORM FESTIVAL MOOD won in heavy ground at Salisbury (7f), but subsequently (9-3) found Yachtsman (9-3) too good at Doncaster when beaten 8½l (7f, £1959, good, Oct 23, 23 ran).
THARWAT won at Catterick when odds-on (6f, good to soft). Previously won by ½l at Brighton (8-9) from NEBULA WAY (9-0) (6f, £1065, good to firm, Oct 6, 8 ran).
EL CASTILLO (9-0) was unfancied and in the ruck behind Charmer (9-0) at Newmarket (7f, £5170, good to firm, Oct 2, 23 ran).
Selection: NEBULA WAY

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	38	95	40.0	S Cauthen	34	154	22.1
M Stoute	26	95	27.4	W Carson	39	211	18.5
J Dunlop	34	130	26.2	W R Swinburn	19	116	16.4
L Cumani	12	57	21.1	T Quinn	23	145	15.9
P Cole	21	144	14.6	Pat Eddery	28	198	14.1
Thomson Jones	11	78	14.1	R Hills	13	116	11.2

FONTWELL PARK

Selections
By Mandarin

1.15 Matelot Royale. 1.45 HEART OF STONE (nap). 2.15 Fearless Imp. 2.45 Steel Yeoman. 3.15 Dowegian. 3.45 Competitive Bid.

Michael Seely's selection: 1.45 Oryx Minor.

Going: good to soft

1.15 BOXGROVE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£745: 2m 2f) (12 runners)

No	Form	Horse, age, weight	Jockey	Rating
1	P-344	ON IMPULSE 10 (BF) (Mrs B Woodford) R Simpson 4-11-10	B Wright	89
2		JETMORE (S Smith) Miss L Bower 3-11-2	R Rowell	—
3	100032	MISS BRANTRIDGE 7 (F) (A Pepper) A Moore 5-10-12	G Moore	88
4	1P14P-0	LINGFIELD LADY 7 (F,S) (J Studd) P Howling 5-10-11	G Heaver (7)	84
5	0000-2	MATELOT ROYALE 8 (M Butler) A Davison 4-10-11	D Gallagher (4)	● 99
6	111000	REPETITIVE 11 (B,D,F) (H Newcomb) R O'Sullivan 4-10-9	C Brown	98
7	30-2320	WATENDLATH 10 (T Sanders) R Frost 4-10-8	J Frost	89
8	0230RP	TROJAN GOD 8 (V,CD,F,S) (S Locke) J Finch-Heyes 5-10-7	R Goldstein	95
9	020P-03	BUTE BOUQUET 14 (A Gervai Ltd) R Juckes 5-10-5	J Osborne (4)	89
10	P000P-	NORHAM CASTLE 186 (R Ledger) R Ledger 4-10-0	Mrs N Ledger	—
11	P0-00	ZINDELINA 11 (A Elliott) D Jermy 4-10-0	G Old	—
14	0;44-40	TANAGON 38 (H O'Neill) H O'Neill 4-10-0	G McCourt	—

BETTING: 15-8 Matelot Royale, 3-1 On Impulse, 7-2 Miss Brantridge, 6-1 Watendlath, 8-1 Bute Bouquet, 12-1 Lingfield Lady, 14-1 others.

1986: STEAMY 5-10-9 H Davies (16-1) D Oughton 22 ran

1.45 VINTAGE VEUVE CLICQUOT HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,470: 2m 2f) (19 runners)

No	Form	Horse, age, weight	Jockey	Rating
1	3211/2-	HEART OF STONE 285 (CD,S) (M Morrison) R Akehurst 5-11-10	D McKeown	95
2	3211/2-	DALBURY 196 (F,G,S) (R Smale) A Moore 9-11-9	G Moore	—
3	2F10F4-	RICMAR 194 (B,F,S) (Miss W Haward) J Jenkins 4-11-8	S Sherwood	82
5	232331-	MASTER VINCE 197 (G,S) (S Squires) K Ivory 9-11-7	B Powell	90
6	010002-	BATON MATCH 164 (F,G,S) (Communidata Ltd) J Edwards 7-11-5	C Llewellyn (4)	89
7	220141-	ORYX MINOR 11 (BF,F,G,S) (R Trumper) S Mellor 7-11-4	G Landau	94
9	00000-2	CAWARRA LAD 202 (CD,G,S) (Mrs M Kenyon-Holden) C James 8-11-2	W Humphreys (7)	98
10	010F00-	CAPTAIN WEBSTER 17 (B,CD,F,G) (S Cooke) S Woodman 7-10-12	R Dunwoody	—
11	31122/0	TACHEO 17 (F,G) (J Stuart-Wortley-Hunt) Miss L Bower 8-10-12	R Rowell	93
12	F4003-0	QUITE A NIGHT 427 (CD,F,G) (G Redmore) J Gifford 7-10-11	R Rowe	93
13	02143/2-	DREAM MERCHANT 231 (F,S) (L Foxwell) R O'Sullivan 5-10-9	M Kinane	86
15	302F01-	WINDBOUND LASS 14 (F) (R Savery) R Holder 4-10-9	N Coleman	96
16	13U0-42	ROYAL STAG 17 (S) (Lady Harmsworth-Blunt) D Grissell 5-10-5	R Goldstein	94
17	12000-3	OUR WHITE HART 11 (F,S) (Mrs B Short) K Bailey 7-10-5	P Croucher	● 99
18	133-013	THE YOMPER 19 (G,S) (Burton & Smith Ltd) R Curtis 5-10-0	S Moore	89
20	41441-00	CAPISTRANO PRINCE 179 (CD,F) (F Gray) F Gray 5-10-0	E Murphy	90
21	02004P-	THE DIPLOMAT 8 (F,S) (T Fry) W Kemp 9-10-0	NON-RUNNER	80
22	0F-40F4	VAN HAGEN 12 (S) (B Froome) J Bridger 11-10-0	M Perrett	—
24	P	FORTOLD 357 (F,S) (G Wareham) G Wareham 9-10-0	P Hobbs	—
25	00400/0-			

BETTING: 100-30 Heart Of Stone, 4-1 Ricmar, 9-2 Our White Hart, 11-2 Oryx Minor, 8-1 Baton Match, Windbound Lass, 8-1 Master Vince, 10-1 others.

1986: HOT HANDED 5-11-0 R Dunwoody (5-1) C Nash 10 ran

2.15 FRANK CUNDELL CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,743: 2m 2f 110yd) (7 runners)

No	Form	Horse, age, weight	Jockey	Rating
1	04120-2	FEARLESS IMP 20 (CD,G,S) (J Truman) R Shepherd 12-11-13	B Powell	93
2	13102-0	STIRABOUT 11 (B,F,S) (E Thorbek) N Henderson 7-11-10	J White	90
4	2001P-0	NO-U-TURN 10 (F,G) (S Tindall) S Mellor 9-11-3	G Landau	85
5	031020-	VODKATINI 236 (F,G,S) (D Richardson Horseracing) J Gifford 8-11-2	R Rowe	91
6	30/24-P4	GRATEFUL HEIR 14 (S) (R Blackman) G Gracey 8-10-5	J Duggan	98
7	324F1P-	ARCHERS PRINCE 167 (F,G) (R Shaw) C James 9-10-1	W Humphreys (7)	91
8	1/4340-0	WINGETTS 25 (F,G,S) (T Duke) Miss L Bower 11-10-0	R Rowell	● 99

BETTING: 2-1 Fearless Imp, 7-2 Vodkatini, 5-1 Wingetts, Stirabout, 13-2 Grateful Heir, 14-1 No-U-Turn, 16-1 Archers Prince.

1986: BRIGHT MORNING 8-10-12 J Akehurst (8-1) D Grissell 7 ran

2.45 KINGHORNS CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,743: 3m 2f 110yd) (9 runners)

No	Form	Horse, age, weight	Jockey	Rating
1	FPP133-	STEEL YEOMAN 172 (CD,S) (Mrs H Alwen) J Gifford 9-12-2	S Neighbour	92
2	0F3-11P	DOUBLE UP 10 (F) (Mrs P Hargreaves) Mrs P Hargreaves 10-11-9	C Llewellyn	97
3	3420P4	DONAGHMOYNE 14 (CD,F,G) (C Ward) Miss L Bower 10-11-8	D Morris	87
5	0F0P-30	BLAZING WIND 55 (P Rogers) R Frost 11-10-13	C Hopwood	—
6	000PP-0	MARINE 8 (S) (R Orgles) W Kemp 9-10-13	T Storrer (4)	92
8	11P/0PU	CROWNING MOMENT 12 (B,F,G,S) (H Stancliffe) P Cundell 12-10-7	J Osborne	—
9	P00P-P0	MERCY LESS 14 (S) (Mrs M Maslen) M Bolton 8-10-5	W Humphreys	—
10	0421/33-	FLAMENCO DANCER 183 (F,G,S) (R O'Sullivan) R O'Sullivan 13-10-1	A Charlton	● 99
11	P0/000-0	FALKLAND CONQUEROR 19 (Mrs G Kindersley) G Kindersley 9-10-0	A Morgan (4)	—

BETTING: 9-4 Steel Yeoman, 3-1 Flamenco Dancer, 4-1 Double Up, 6-1 Mercy Lass, 10-1 Blazing Wind, 20-1 Crowning Moment, Donaghmoyne, 33-1 others.

1986: OWEN GLENDOWER 9-10-1 B Dowling (5-1) R Holder 7 ran

3.15 COBBOLD ROACH R N L I NOVICES CHASE (£1,600:2m 2f 110yd) (11 runners)

No	Form	Horse, age, weight	Jockey	Rating
2	002-141	DOWEGIAN 7 (F,G,S) (M Ford) D Grissell 6-11-3	Mr T Grantham	● 99
3	0P0FP-U	FADING DAWN 14 (O Henley) P Butler 10-11-3	Mr D Baker (7)	—
4	P0040/0	JONIX 13 (Mrs S Wiles) J Gifford 6-11-3	R Rowe	—
5	00-0003	LE GRAND MAITRE 11 (Le Maitre & Co) G Roe 6-11-3	P McDermott (7)	92
6	P4-04FP	LIBERTY WALK 19 (V) (Mrs B Shandan) G Gracey 8-11-3	D Morris (4)	—
7	0012P-F	LORD LUCKY 25 (F) (M Neck) N Kernick 5-11-3	D Morris (4)	—
8	21-430F	MAORI WARRIOR 56 (B,F) (Mrs J Robinson) R O'Sullivan 5-11-3	M Kinane	84
9	3400F0-	OUR NOBBY 197 (G) (R Bastiam) M Madgwick 5-11-3	R Dunwoody	—
10	44P000-	PRINCE FELIX 231 (Mrs L Browning) D Browning 7-11-3	J Akehurst	81
12	F0-U024	THE LATE MAN 88 (J Huckle) C Trietline 6-11-3	S Earle	—
13	430FF-B	ANNAGH GLOW 7 (O Henley) P Butler 6-10-12	G Moore	88

BETTING: 15-8 Dowegian, 7-2 Le Grand Maitre, 4-1 The Late Man, 6-1 Maori Warrior, 8-1 Our Nobby, 14-1 Jonix, 16-1 others.

1986: EPRYANA 6-10-12 G McCourt (33-1) Mrs C Reavey 8 ran

3.45 EBF NOVICES HURDLE QUALIFIER (£1,343: 2m 2f) (17 runners)

No	Form	Horse, age, weight	Jockey	Rating
1	F-01	COMPETITIVE BID 7 (S) (Mrs A de la Cerda-Gaustad) P Hobbs 5-11-5	P Hobbs	96
2	043-	BRIGHT INTERVALS 197 (Mrs M Valentine) F Winter 5-11-0	P Scudamore	92
3	F0-	DANISH FOLLY 220 (E Thorbek) N Henderson 5-11-0	J White	—
4		DOCKLANDS EXPRESS 173 (R Baines) K Bailey 5-11-0	P Croucher	—
5		GLAD JACK 215 (B Curzon & B Shepherd Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-0	M Pitman	—
6	0-0	GREER 14 (B Edgeley) Miss L Bower 6-11-0	R Rowell	—
8		HAIRY HAT (H Pelham) J Gifford 4-11-0	R Rowe	—
9	0/4-0	KAMRISE 5 (Lady Harris) G B Balding 5-11-0	G Bradley	—
10	PP-P	KLAXON HORN 28 (D Larke) P Hedger 4-11-0	M Richards	—
11	000F0-0	LE MODESTY 7 (R Smale) A Moore 5-11-0	G Moore	● 98
12	P0-0	MR MAGPIE 7 (Mrs P Hale) D Grissell 5-11-0	R Goldstein	—
14	0	ROD OF IRON 20 (Miss T Smart) J Finch-Heyes 4-11-0		—
17	0000-0	TRUE JACK 25 (R Piper) G Thorner 6-11-0	C Brown	73
18		WILLIAM ANTHONY 162 (Insight Cartons Ltd) N Gaselee 5-11-0	K Mooney	—
19	P03F-02	DANCING BALLERINA 7 (Mrs R Murrell) M Bolton 4-10-9	D McKeown (4)	95
21	3	PASTURES GREEN 33 (P Hopkins) G Enright 4-10-9	M Perrett	—
23	302000-	TREBLE CHANCE 167 (M Bryant) S Woodman 5-10-9	R Dunwoody	93

BETTING: 6-4 Competitive Bid, 3-1 Bright Intervals, 9-2 Dancing Ballerina, 13-2 Kamrise, 8-1 Le Modesty, 12-1 Treble Chance, 14-1 others.

1986: PAT'S PRIDE 4-11-5 E Murphy (7-4 fav) J Gifford 16 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
S Mellor	5	19	26.3	E Murphy	11	55	20.0
J Gifford	41	201	19.9	P Scudamore	14	78	17.9
N Henderson	8	42	19.0	R Rowe	37	241	15.3
J Finch-Heyes	7	52	13.5	R Dunwoody	18	122	14.8
D Grissell	10	77	13.0	G Moore	20	189	10.6
A Moore	16	186	8.6	R Goldstein	15	194	7.7

Jockey Club moves to lessen severity of Wetherby fences

By Christopher Goulding

The controversial steeplechase fences at Wetherby, where so many horses failed to complete the course at the recent two-day fixture, will be modified in time for the next scheduled meeting on November 24.

The trouble stemmed the *fences' height, stiffness and the* way they failed to invite a horse to jump cleanly. This should be rectified a week before the next race meeting takes place.

Mark Dwyer, the northern jockeys' safety officer, will inspect the course with Ron Barry, *the new inspector of courses* for the North. They will joined by Pat Firth, the clerk of the course, and Anthony Gillam, a steward at the course.

Dwyer was expected to ride Forgive'N Forget in the feature race, the Charlie Hall Memorial Pattern Chase on Saturday, the race he won last year, but trainer Jimmy Fitzgerald decided not to risk his 1985 Cheltenham Gold Cup winner.

Fitzgerald, who holds the Yorkshire courses in high esteem, hopes the course will be made safer in the future. "I would like to bring him back to Wetherby for the Rowland Meyrick Chase on Boxing Day, but that's only if the fences have been altered," he said.

That eventuality seems likely. A spokesman for the Jockey Club said yesterday: "On October 9, Neil Wyatt, the Jockey Club's senior inspector of courses, inspected the two new fences, the last and third last, and there were no complaints. This also applied at the meeting which took place on October 14.

Mark Dwyer: consulted in his capacity as northern jockeys' safety officer

"It has now been decided to take six inches off the height and also reduce the width from 22 inches to 18."

There was only one fatal fall on the Yorkshire course, that when Beiderbecke came to grief at the first fence in the *Philip* Cornes Nickel Alloys Novices' Chase on Saturday.

However, his trainer, *Peter* Calver, although critical of the fences, did not blame them for the death of *his charge*. "Beiderbecke never took off," he said.

Chris Grant, who is currently in second place in the jockeys' table, fell on Beiderbecke but also won on Cybrandian.

"We decided *not to boycott* the meeting as there was so little time for them to alter the course," Grant said. "But I'm glad to hear the news that the fences will be altered and hope everything is sorted out for the next meeting.

"The fall I had on Beiderbecke was just one of those things. It could have happened anywhere. The fences on the other hand seemed to help Cybrandian, who won the Charlie Hall Memorial Pattern Chase, it certainly made him respect them," he continued.

"The jockeys were unanimous about the fences being uninviting and too big, and we were supported by the trainers. You could say the feeling as we went out to ride was like the Grand National, but in the National you don't ride novice chasers."

The RSPCA will not be taking any action, but were gratified to hear that the Jockey Club would be taking action. "We have had no complaints, but we do not like to see horses asked to jump fences that are too big," a spokeswoman said.

California suits Allez Milord

Allez Milord was confidently ridden by Chris McCarron to land the £162,162 Oak Tree Invitational at Santa Anita on Sunday. The colt, formerly trained by Guy Harwood, is now based in California with John Gosden.

He was running on Lasix, which is permitted in that State, as the result of breaking a blood vessel when last of six in the Turf Classic in New York on September 26.

Allez Milord went into the lead a furlong from home and was pushed out to score by 2½ lengths and three-quarters of a length from Louis le Grand and Rivlia.

The Andre Fabre-trained Village Star was fourth and Wolsey, trained earlier this season by Henry Cecil yard, Wolsey, was seventh.

Allez Milord was the subject of a recent sale to Zenya Yoshida's Shadai Farm in Japan but will continue to race in the Jerome Brady colours while he remains in training in the United States.

Paul Kelleway's Miss Boniface (Tony Cruz) finished a respectable third behind Francois Boutin's Minstrel's Lassie *(Freddie Head)* and Maurice Zilber's Seattle Sangue (Cash Asmussen) in the grade one Selima Stakes, run over eight and a half furlongs on turf, at Laurel, also on Sunday.

On an afternoon dominated by the Gallic visitors, the Jonathan *Pease-trained* Antiqua (Asmussen) took the colt's equivalent, the Laurel Futurity, by a length and a half from Mister Modesty.

The wins embellished a fine weekend for the French in America, with Le Glorieux having taken the Washington D.C. International and Gacko the Breeders' Cup Chase.

Paul Cole, rapidly approaching a total of £1 million in worldwide prize money this season, will run the three-year-old filly River Jig at Aqueduct this weekend.

Cole plans another transatlantic raid with Bint Pasha, who joins the British raiding party for the Breeders' Cup meeting at Hollywood Park on November 21.

A firm decision on Miesque's **participation in the Breeders' Cup will not be made until the race's next forfeit stage early next week.**

Bethell welcomes Late Matinee win

James Bethell has endured a miserable season and Late Matinee's win in division one of the EBF Fleckney Maiden Fillies' Stakes at Leicester yesterday provided one of the Didcot trainer's rare bright moments.

"It's only my second winner this season, which is one I shall want to forget," Bethell said. "I haven't had a lot of horses and the stable has experienced a lot of minor problems, including a touch of virus, although I do not want to make that an excuse."

Paul Cook brought Late Matinee with a determined challenge in the final 100 yards and the combination gained the upper hand to beat Carpe Diem a head.

While Bethell has had his problems the season has been an unqualified success for Mel Brittain, who saddled his 56th winner of the season when 11-4 favourite Really Gorgeous completed a treble in the John O'Gaunt Nursery.

Another man with few complaints is Jeremy Glover, whose *Balthus provided one of the* surprises of the season in the Cambridgeshire with a 50-1 triumph.

Glover was on the mark again, rather more predictably, with Green Steps, ridden by Dean McKeown, in the Squirrel Handicap.

The Duchess of Norfolk's well-bred filly Celtic Ring, who had to be withdrawn after playing up at the start at Newbury, made amends for that lapse with a decisive victory in the Wysall EBF Stakes.

John Lowe had plenty up his sleeve on Celtic Ring, who had no trouble beating Joseph by four lengths.

"Normally Celtic Ring is a placid filly and she did not put a foot wrong today," Tony Couch, assistant to winning trainer John Dunlop, said.

"Last time at Newbury she was standing in the stalls a long time and became upset by the horse next door," he added.

Dana Mellor, law graduate and apprentice jockey, gained her ninth success of the season, and thirteenth in all, on Time For Joy in the Seagrove Apprentices' Selling Handicap.

Time For Joy was one of two runners in the race trained by Melton Mowbray-based Norma *Macauley, who was full of praise* for Mellor's handling of the winner.

Time For Joy, retained without a bid, was Mrs Macauley's seventh winner of the season.

Few firm developments in sale of Clore empire

The projected sale of Alan Clore's bloodstock assets, which includes the outstanding mare Triptych and the high-class *three-year-old filly River Memories*, is still unresolved.

It was made known last week that the French-based Clore's 300-strong empire was on the market and offers invited. As yet there appear to have been few firm developments.

Last week, Paul Nataf, the president of the Horse France bloodstock agency, who are handling the sale, admitted an Arab racing concern had expressed interest in the sale but at that time no offers had been received.

One move, however, has been the cancellation of the deal negotiated only last month by which Clore purchased the stallion Nishapour from the Aga Khan to stand at his Normandy Stud.

Nishapour was the winner of the French 2,000 Guineas and is perhaps best known as a sire *through Mouktar, successful in* the Prix du Jockey Club. He began his stallion career in Ireland but will now return to stud duties at the Lanwades Stud in Newmarket.

Flatterer's career ended

Flatterer, second to See You Then in last season's Champion Hurdle, has been retired after breaking down in last Saturday's Breeders' Cup Chase at Fair Hill, Maryland.

"He has been a great horse to us. It would be a shame to ask more of him," Jonathan Sheppard, his trainer, said yesterday.

Flatterer, the leading prize-money winner over jumps in the United States, won some 50 races, including a record four successive Colonial Cups. He was also second in the 1985 French Champion Hurdle at Auteuil.

John Francome rode Flatterer to win the 1983 Colonial Cup but his regular partner was Jerry Fishback. "He was a horse in a million," Fishback said.

Results from yesterday's two meetings

Lingfield Park

Going: good to soft

12.15 (7f) 1, **ADBASS** (S Cauthen, 5-6 fav); 2, **Indian Queen** (J Reid, 8-1); 3, **Toad Along** (Pat Eddery, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 8 Anbaik (5th), 20 West Leat, Conor (6th), 25 Gloss (4th), Hop Pot, 33 Bulbarrow, 100 Bardeplan, Takes It Neat, Breckland Gem, *Silent Tears*. 13 ran. NR: *Vital Witness*. 2l, 2½l, sh hd, 5l, 3l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.70; £1.50, £1.40, £1.10. DF: £3.10. CSF: £8.56. 1min 32.55sec.

12.45 (7f) 1, **BOLD TRY** (T Quinn, 9-1); 2, **Rough Cut** (S Cauthen, 20-1); 3, **Krypton Knight** (R McGhin, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Golf Palace (6th), 6 Smokejack (4th), 8 Boca Chimes, Overdraft, 12 Haylan (5th), La Luganese, 20 Bush Hill, 33 Ah-Bless-Him, Indian Mystic, Touching Star, Token Dancer. 14 ran. 3l, sh hd, ¾l, 5l, ½l. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £21.60; £5.40, £4.70, £5.20. DF: £256.70. CSF: £148.27. 1min 34.58sec.

1.15 (7f) 1, **BE MY FAN** (B Raymond, 12-1); 2, **Norquay** (T Ives, 7-1); 3, **Big Finish** (Pat Eddery, 6-1). ALSO: 2 fav Royal Hunt, 9-2 Big Chief (4th), 20 Fumerole, 25 King Of The Clouds (5th), Power Crazy, 33 Canon's Court, Tam Pure (6th), 100 Charcoal Burner, Divine Pet, Lady Insight. 13 ran. ½l, ¾l, 1½l, 5l, 4l. M Jarvis at Newmarket. Tote: £25.40; £3.50, £2.90, £1.40. DF: £227.70. CSF: £78.56. 1min 34.23sec.

1.45 (7f 140yd) 1, **DARNELLE** (Pat Eddery, 8-11 fav); 2, **Welsh Guide** (B Raymond, 2-1); 3, **Loren's Courage** (G Starkey, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 12 Reggae Beat (4th), 66 Saucy Bird, 100 Connate (6th), Patroclus (5th). 7 ran. 1½l, hd, ¾l, 7l, 20l. B Hills at Manton. Tote: £1.70; £1.40, £1.60. DF: £2.00. CSF: £2.32. 1min 42.23sec.

2.15 (2m) 1, **GUNNER MAC** (G Carter, 7-1); 2, **Swiss Nephew** (G Starkey, 7-1); 3, **Cryptic** (W Newnes, 25-1); 4, **Norfolk Lily** (W Carson, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 11-2 fav Tigerwood, 8 Theodas (5th), 10 Island King, James Stanley, 11 Lurex Girl (6th), 14 Jabaraba, 33 Pleated, Hunters Fen, Norah Water, Standard Rose, Lovenko, Bride, Welsh Bluebell, Brigadier Jacques. 18 ran. NR: Nautical Belle, Suivez Moi. 5l, 3l, sh hd, hd, 4l. N Bycroft at Brandsby. Tote: £6.60; £1.60, £2.20, £3.80, £1.60. DF: £19.90. CSF: £47.69. Tricast: £1028.57. 3min 48.76sec.

2.45 (6f) 1, **PROFIT A PRENDRE** (N Carlisle, 13-2); 2, **Greenhill Jazz Time** (T Quinn, 33-1); 3, **Pinctada** (S Whitworth, 9-2 fav); 4, **Al-Torfanan** (G Carter, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Sparky Lad, 15-2 Major Jacko (5th), 9 Fremont Boy, Gallant Hope, 10 Sharp Times, Powder Blue, 12 Corn Street (6th), 14 Tauber, 20 Al Amead, Albert Henry, Lonely Street, Manimstar, Merrymoles, 25 Ashfold Cottage, 33 As Sharp, Mont Arthur. 20 ran. 1½l, 1l, 2½l, sh hd, hd. D Wilson at Epsom. Tote: £7.40; £1.50, £5.00, £2.20, £5.90. DF: £62.00. CSF: £204.02. Tricast: £1007.76. 1min 18.46sec.

3.15 (7f) 1, **GHATHANFAR** (R Hills, 7-2); 2, **Lobric** (Pat Eddery, 14-1); 3, **Exceptional Bid** (S Cauthen, 5-6 fav). ALSO RAN: 10 Gaasid (4th), Owl Creek (6th), 25 Great Saling, Hawa Ram, Manimik (5th), 33 Sobriety, 100 But Of Course, Cartas, Sayhnnar, September Boy. 13 ran. 5l, 2l, ¾l, nk, 5l. H Thomson Jones at Newmarket. Tote: £5.70; £1.60, £1.90, £1.30. DF: £28.00. CSF: £46.39. 1min 33.75sec.

3.45 (1m 2f) 1, **SCARLET CREST** (G Foster, 20-1); 2, **Monetary Fund** (Pat Eddery, 7-4 fav); 3, **Take The Micky** (R Fox, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Cheerful Times (6th), 7 Whirling Words (4th), 8 Firgrove, Likeable Lady, 12 Tropical Flower, 14 Bold Archer, Straight Through, 16 Karbaj, 33 Fusion, Mrs Kaydagawn, 66 Parklands Belle, Naatell (5th). 15 ran. 7l, 3l, 3l, ½l, 2½l. Lady Hermes at Littlehampton. Tote: £56.60; £8.30, £1.80, £6.50. DF: £76.30. CSF: £55.24. Tricast: £714.20. 2min 18.59sec.

Placepot: £269.00

Leicester

GOING: soft

1.30 (6f) 1, **LATE MATINEE** (P Cook, 11-2); 2, **Carpe Diem** (M Roberts, 7-2); 3, **Storm Kitty** (R Cochrane, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Gamble On (6th), 7 Wahshiya, 16 Daring Delight (4th), 25 Serranilla, 33 Park Vista (5th), 50 Bettmanbee, Sunley Princess. 10 ran. hd, 1l, 8l, 3l, 2l. J Bethell at Didcot. Tote: £6.00; £1.40, £1.60, £1.40. DF: £9.00. CSF: £23.49.

2.0 (6f) 1, **TIME FOR JOY** (Dana Mellor, 7-1); 2, **Royal Special** (C Hodgson, 16-1); 3, **African Lass** (J Quinn, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Florel, 13-2 San Juan Song (6th), 7 Fox Path, 15-2 Pipers Enterprise (5th), 8 Gameshow, 14 Little Lochette (4th), 16 Feasible, Lime Brook, Mr Berkeley, 20 Dohty Baby, 33 Blunderbuss, Calypso Kid. 15 ran. 1½l, sh hd, 3l, ½l, nk. Mrs N Macauley at Melton Mowbray. Tote: £5.30; £1.60, £3.00, £5.20. DF: £32.10. CSF: £102.87. Tricast: £1202.63. No bid.

2.30 (1m 2f) 1, **CELTIC RING** (J Lowe, 9-4 jt-fav: Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, **Joseph** (W Ryan, 5-1); 3, **Holtermann** (S Dawson, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 jt-fav Ghadbbaan (4th), 7 Morasco (5th), 25 Allave de Coeur, 33 Echevin, 50 Gaelgor, 66 Cross The Moat, Dry White, Melannee (6th), Milly Green. 12 ran. 4l, 1l, 3l, 2½l, 7l. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £3.50; £1.10, £2.40, £1.60. DF: £7.50. CSF: £13.33.

3.0 (1m 4f) 1, **GREEN STEPS** (D McKeown, 12-1); 2, **Mister Point** (M Birch, 14-1); 3, **Hello Smithy** (Dale Gibson, 16-1); 4, **Absinthe** (M Roberts, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav First Bill, 10 Lagta, 14 Stern Lass, Careless Kiss, 16 Gunner Stream, Kayruggy (5th), Record Wing, 20 Qualitair King, Dellwood Renown, 25 Owl Castle, Patrick John Lyons, 33 Cima, Fred The Tread, *April Fox*, *Hitchenstown*, Full Speed Ahead (6th). 20 ran. 8l, 1½l, 2l, ¾l, hd. J Glover at Worksop. Tote: £8.70; £1.30, £2.90, £1.60, £2.30. DF: £114.40. CSF: £155.42. Tricast: £2425.90.

3.30 (7f) 1, **REALLY GORGEOUS** (K Darley, 11-4 fav); 2, **True Queen** (J Lowe, 7-1); 3, **Can It Be** (M Hills, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 7 Al Khaled, Ned's Aura (6th), 8 Britannia Bell (4th), 12 Pamente, 14-1 Cor de Chasse, 20 Bid Peter, Gorky Park, 25 Unexpected Guest (5th), 33 Free Expression, Yuan Princess, Foolish Tom, Chasmarella. 15 ran. 1½l, 2l, 3l, 3l, 1l. M Brittain at Newmarket. Tote: £3.50; £1.50, £3.10, £4.20. DF: £15.90. CSF: £21.65. Tricast: £118.39.

4.0 (6f) 1, **ATHENE NOCTUA** (M Hills, 7-1); 2, **Fantasie Impromptu** (W R Swinburn, 100-30); 3, **Feloon** (J Matthias, Evens fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Chalkhill Blue (6th), 20 Summer Eve (5th), 25 Escribana, 33 Shapely Star (4th), 66 Bare Spectacle, 100 Penny Petite. 9 ran. 1l, 2½l, ¾l, 1l, 2½l. R Williams at Newmarket. Tote: £7.30; £2.10, £1.40, £1.10. DF: £22.40. CSF: £27.71.

Placepot: £16.90.

Blinkered first time

LEICESTER: 2.0 Achill Bay, 2.30 Meg's Money

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: All engagements (dead): Tap Duel, Prattle, Coasting Breeze, Cool Spray, Arcwile Fred, Tumba, Olympic Eagle, Chicago Bird, Cantassium.

MOTOR RACING

Mansell can find comfort in Moss

By John Blunsden

As Nigel Mansell rests his bruised body at his Isle of Man home this week and ponders on what might have been, he should get some comfort from the knowledge that it is not necessary to win the world championship in order to be the best driver in the world.

Twenty-nine years ago Stirling Moss, already three times a championship runner-up and indisputably the finest Formula One driver after Juan Manuel Fangio's retirement, was, like Mansell, making a late challenge for the elusive title. But despite winning the last grand prix of the season in Morocco and setting the fastest lap, Moss still finished a point behind Mike Hawthorn. Yet Hawthorn had won only one grand prix that year whereas Moss had won four.

Moss took his defeat badly for a few days, then suddenly came to realize that there was more to life, even for a top racing driver, than world championship points.

Achievements on the track were what mattered and he went on to record many more of them. Since that moment of realization, it has never seriously bothered him that he never took the title, in fact he has gained considerable satisfaction from repeatedly being referred to as Britain's uncrowned world champion.

It is possible that Mansell, too, will find that the crown eludes him but that will in no sense devalue his performances on the track. His 1987 record is quite remarkable. Not only has he won six of his 14 races, he led four more before retiring with mechanical problems and at one point was running either first or second in the remaining four.

X-ray examination for Mansell's back

Nigel Mansell, back in England following his practice accident in Japan, has had a preliminary examination by a specialist who has diagnosed spinal cord concussion as a result of the impact of the accident (John Blunsden writes). His back is said to be "in shock".

Meanwhile, Mansell is having considerable difficulty in breathing, and it is too early yet to determine whether or not he will be fit to take part in the final grand prix in Adelaide on Sunday week.

For Mansell, racing is all about winning, whereas the championship is all about collecting points. Nelson Piquet, whose primary aim was to win the world championship for the third time, cannot be blamed for becoming the supreme points collector rather than the best race winner. He read the rulebook and built his tactics around it.

Every world championship race ends with one winner and 25 losers. The man who finishes second is merely the leading loser, yet he is awarded six championship points. Is it fair that the winner, the only person to have achieved what all 26 set out to do, should receive only three more points than the driver he has just beaten, the leading loser?

Allocating 12 points for the race victor and retaining the current six, four, three, two and one for the next five places would put proper emphasis on the importance of winning rather than just finishing. Such a system would have produced some interesting results

In 1984 Alain Prost would have been champion rather than Niki Lauda; in 1985 Prost would have taken the title regardless; in 1986 Mansell rather than Prost would have been champion despite his Adelaide mishap and this year's contest would still be open. The only consolation that it is not is that on Sunday week we can concentrate on who is winning the Australian Grand Prix rather than who is out there picking up points. May Mansell be fit enough to take part.

BOWLS

Evans relishes his spell in the spotlight

The rarefied atmosphere of the Preston Guild Hall, where the CIS Insurance UK singles championship is being played under the glare of television lights, does not encourage participants to relax and be natural (David Rhys Jones writes).

Singles players, as a rule, are reluctant to be too demonstrative in any case, for expressions of delight or disappointment can reveal weaknesses to the opposition.

It was refreshing, therefore, to see how John Evans, in his first appearance in the cauldron, wore his heart on his sleeve, and enjoyed nearly every minute of his game against Preston's own Brian Duncan, the poker-faced crown green No. 1.

Evans, now aged 40, once played football for Torquay United, and clearly handles pressure well. His 7-5, 7-3 victory earned him a second round assignation with the 1985 champion, Jim Baker.

John Price, a prolific title winner from Port Talbot, bowled patiently against another crown green hope, Robert Crawshaw, a bowls maker from Wilmslow. Crawshaw held his more fancied opponent valiantly over the first two sets, which produced the finest bowling of the championship so far, but faded disappointingly in the third.

FIRST ROUND: J Evans (Eng) bt B Duncan (Eng), 7-5, 7-3; J Price (Wales) beat R Crawshaw (Eng), 7-4, 4-7, 7-1.

Taking a joy-ride with Stirling Moss away from the acrimonious fumes of today to the purer air of yesterday

One man and his wheels of fortune

Almost 30 years ago Stirling Moss failed by a single point to become the first British world champion racing driver. He lost because at Oporto, in the eighth of that season's 10 races, he testified to the stewards of the meeting on behalf of his great rival, Mike Hawthorn, who had been accused of restarting his car in an illegal manner after a spin.

Moss's testimony got Hawthorn a reprieve, allowing him to keep his championship points for finishing second. A few weeks later Moss and his green Vanwall were faced with the task of winning the final event, in Morocco, and taking the extra point for recording the fastest race lap, with Hawthorn's Ferrari finishing no higher than third. Moss took his maximum but the junior Ferrari driver, Phil Hill, waved his team leader through into second place in the final stages. Hawthorn took the crown that Moss was fated never to win.

Today, of course, it is a different game as we are treated to the spectacle of team colleagues squabbling in an out of the cockpit, trying to run each other off the road, trying to get each other disqualified. Some drivers are allowed to get away with blocking manoeuvres in grand prix racing that should have been disciplined out of them in the kindergarten of Formula Ford.

Feelings are bound to run higher when millions rather than hundreds are at stake and there is no reason why motor racing could have expected to escape the atmosphere of ego-worship, jealousy, spite and rancour in which all professional sport is now conducted. As individual events, grand prix races are no less exciting than they were 10, 20, 30 or perhaps even 50 years ago. But to browse through *My Cars, My Career*, by Stirling Moss with Doug Nye (Patrick Stephens, £19.95), is to breathe a purer air.

Mercmanship, 1955: Moss taking Tatts Corner at Aintree during practice for the British Grand Prix in one of the 84 cars in his 501-race life

In this large and remarkable volume Moss outlines his career by means of a survey of the all cars he drove in competition. Applied to a Hunt or a Mansell, this method would make for neither varied nor interesting reading. In Moss's day it was different; although, come to that, Moss was different even by the standards of his own day.

Between 1947, when Moss, aged 17, began competing in a pre-war BMW sports car, and 1962, when he ended his professional career in a mangled Formula One Lotus-Climax, he drove 84 types of car in 501 races, of which he won no fewer than 173. His appetite was phenomenal: at Goodwood in April 1961, at the peak of his fame and his powers, he took part in four different races in four different cars, winning two. That was typical.

He loved racing and loved it best when the odds were stacked against him. The victories in factory-entered cars — Maserati, Mercedes-Benz and Vanwall — still make stirring reading but pale next to the heroic victories in underpowered and privately entered little Coopers and Lotuses against the might of Ferrari: Buenos Aires 1958, Monza 1959, Monte Carlo and the Nürburgring 1961 were the occasions on which his virtuosity found its most perfect expression.

Moss and his amanuensis, the motor racing historian, Doug Nye, have relied heavily on his diaries, kept with a mixture of boyish enthusiasm and technical diligence. Anecdotes tumble over each other, with just enough mechanical analysis to support the armchair enthusiast's contention that Moss's besetting sin was an over-readiness to involve himself in the nuts and bolts, an ultimately damaging eagerness to try new tweaks that too often proved fragile.

His judgements on the individual cars are vivid and direct. The *bêtes noires* — or perhaps white elephants — were the disastrous V16 BRM and the brutal Zagato-bodied Maserati coupé which almost asphyxiated him at Le Mans in 1957. Among the favourites are another sports Maserati, the extraordinary "Birdcage"; the elegant C-Type Jaguar; and the unique four-wheel-drive Ferguson single-seater, an experiment which appealed to all Moss's instincts.

There are also such surprises as go-karts, Jaguar saloons and a Morris Minor, plus three enlightening chapters on the development of his driving technique. With a foreword by Fangio and a postscript by Rob Walker, in whose colours Moss achieved his greatest feats, this is perhaps the finest volume ever devoted to a single racing driver and will be particularly relished by those who, as schoolboys in the Fifties, had their imaginations fired by the two exemplary *Books of Motor Sport*

It strikes me that *The Grand Prix Drivers* (Hazleton/Osprey, £9.95) could provide similar inspiration for today's equivalents: sons, nephews, perhaps even grandsons. Four eminent British grand prix correspondents take on the winners of the post-war decades: the Farinas and Fangios of the Fifties, the Clarks and Gurneys of the Sixties, the Stewarts and Petersons of the Seventies, the Piquets and Prosts of the Eighties.

Fine photographs are accompanied by pungent pen-portraits. *Autosport*'s Nigel Roebuck describes Jim Clark as "a man to whom races seemed to surrender, one who, like Ascari, won by imperious command". *Motoring News*'s Alan Henry talks of Jackie Stewart as "the great star who drained all emotion from his driving, something which failed to find favour with the traditionalists".

And the doyen of them all, *Motor Sport*'s Denis Jenkinson, distils a loving portrait of Juan Manuel Fangio, who won his first world championship at 41 and his fifth at 47. "Young racing drivers of today still feel great emotion when they meet this grand old man of grand prix," Jenkinson writes. For all his millions, the champion of 1987 should be so lucky.

Richard Williams

RUGBY UNION

England manager outlines his plans and ambitions

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Geoff Cooke, England's team manager, is losing no time getting the flavour of his new role. Yesterday he flew from Yorkshire to London, diverting via Stansted because of the weather, to be present at the Rugby Football Union's monthly press briefing, before returning home via Rugby, where he was meeting the Midland divisional selectors.

The fog which hampered him early in the day has not yet entirely dispersed from the position of England coach this season. It seems likely that Cooke himself will have an important part to play and he will call upon the expertise of any other coaches he feels can make a contribution, in a season where his minimum aim is two home wins and as convincing a performance as possible in the opening international, against France, in Paris, in January.

"My ambition is to win the grand slam and unless the players have that ambition too, we are not going to go places," he said. "I admit it may take us some time to get there. Over the last two decades the coach has been put up almost on a pedestal, for everyone to shoot at. We have changed our thinking, ahead of the other home countries, and the coach or coaches will be used essentially in the preparation of the team.

Cooke's intention is to stage an England trial, on January 2 at Twickenham, the teams for which will be picked the day after the Toshiba divisional championship concludes on December 19. To make the trial as competitive as possible, each XV and reserves will prepare separately on New Year's day and, on the following weekend, the squads for the two internationals in Paris on January 16 will meet for training.

The B international with France, it has been decided, will take place three hours before the Five Nations match, in the Jean Bouin Stadium, which is next door to the Parc des Princes. England's subsequent B internationals will be at Leicester, against Italy on March 4, and (probably) at Imber Court, against Spain on March 18, both evening kick-offs.

"We have the players in this country who can win set piece possession but we have not been too effective at retaining that possession and making use of it," Cooke said. Those, therefore, are the two elements upon which players in the four divisions have been concentrating, while Tom McNab is building upon the conditioning programme he began last season. He held a session at Haringey last night, to be followed by evenings in Birmingham and Wigan.

"I want to use all the divisional coaches if possible," Cooke added. "Alan Davies, from the Midlands, has already been appointed for the B side so there will be another for the senior side and possibly a third to help Alan. I hope to make a contribution towards the coaching myself and the overall strategy clearly falls within my brief. Team manager isn't just a change of name from chairman of selectors."

Cooke has already held discussions with his selector, John Elliott, and the London selection committee. After yesterday's meeting with the Midlands committee he will be in Bristol to talk to the South-West selectors on Friday, leaving his home territory of the North until last.

Scots lend weight to district games

By Ian McLauchlan

The importance of National Leagues has somewhat undermined the status of the inter-district championship and the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) have tried to redress the balance by indicating to players that each inter-district game will be treated as a national trial.

The electric blanket at Murrayfield, now 27-years-old, has undergone extensive renovation and will be completed next summer, at a cost of £30,000. This work will extend its life by a further 10 years.

One of the most disturbing aspects of the season thus far is that some 40 players have been ordered off. The SRU will remind all clubs of their responsibilities and add that should the trend continue stiffer sentences will be meted out and any club with a number of offenders could find themselves suspended. Alan Tomes, the Scotland lock, is the only player sent off in six weeks of first division rugby — the second offence of his career.

The forthcoming International Board meeting at Agen was discussed by the committee and South Africa again raised. Scotland have not yet received their invitation to tour the Republic in 1988 and are keeping their options open. They agreed, however, to ban all players who toured with the South Pacific Barbarians.

The question of the World Cup brought to light the fact that no financial statement is yet available and this was found disturbing to the SRU. The SRU feel that the growth of the sport world-wide requires a full time international board secretariat and should be funded by the eight member nations. They feel a base in London would serve the game's interests.

Janik given his chance

Karl Janik, who has yet to play in a Five Nations Championship match, has been picked in the French XV to play Romania in Agen on November 11 (David Hands writes). The Toulouse flanker, who toured Scotland in September, takes the place occupied with such distinction during the World Cup by Dominique Erbani.

Janik, aged 27, has made 10 appearances for France B, and was captain for the 26-0 win over Wales last month. Three other players from that side win promotion for the FIRA game too: Philippe Berot (who moves from full back to wing) and the props, Pascal Ondarts and Louis Armary.

The selected French side includes 11 of those who took part in the World Cup finalin June.

FRANCE: S Blanco (Biarritz); P Lagisquet (Bayonne), D Charvet (Toulouse), M Andrieu (Nimes), P Berot (Agen); F Mesnel (Racing Club), P Berbizier (Agen); L Armary (Lourdes), D Dubroca (Agen, capt), P Ondarts (Biarritz), E Champ (Toulon), A Lorieux (Aix-les-Bains), J Condom (Biarritz), K Janik (Toulouse), L Rodriguez (Montferrand). Replacements: P Dintrans (Tarbes), H Chabowski (Bourgoin), M Cecillon (Bourgoin), H Sanz (Narbonne), J-P Lescarboura (Dax), D Camberabero (Beziers).

A familiar figure in charge

It would be quite a feather in Pembrokeshire's cap if they could achieve what Neath, as a major Welsh club, failed to do last Saturday (Gerald Davies writes). Pembrokeshire know what it is like to topple a touring team as they managed to beat the Japanese tourists in 1983. The architect of their victory then was Geraint John, the Cardiff stand-off half, who will be there to guide them again today.

He is partnered by another experienced player inside him, Michael Griffiths, the Bridgend scrum-half. They, along with Holding on the wing, are the only representatives from the leading clubs. All the others are playing for small clubs in the area which is not at all surprising as the old county is still protective of its heritage and identity which so many bureaucrats over recent years have done their best to do away with.

Andrew Morgan, the Llanelli winger, has been replaced by Rob Subrianni, from Tenby. A familiar face on the replacement bench will be Clive Rees, the former London Welsh and Wales wing, who has returned to Wales and lives and plays in Haverfordwest.

PEMBROKESHIRE: D Setaro (Whitland, captain); M Holding (Bridgend), F Setaro (Whitland), N Morgan (Haverfordwest), R Subrianni (Tenby); G John (Cardiff), M Griffiths (Bridgend); D Coles (Haverfordwest), J Griffiths (Haverfordwest), G Price (Pembroke Dock), D Bennett (St David's), J Dudley (St David's), A Reynolds (Whitland), P Rogers (Pembroke Dock), M Evans (Tenby).

AMERICAN EAGLES: A Montgomery; K Higgins, M Williams, C Doherty, G Hein; M Caulder, M Saunders; T Whelan, T McCormack, F Paoli (captain), T Ridnell, R Crivellone, M Carlson, J Peters, D Sydarko.

RUGBY RESULTS FROM THE WEEKEND

The following results were omitted from yesterday's editions

TOUR MATCHES: Argentina 19, Australia 19 (at Buenos Aires); Japan 4, New Zealand 106 (at Tokyo); Neath 6, US Eagles 15.

CLUB MATCHES: Aberavon 8, South Wales Police 12; Bath 20, Vale of Lune 16; Blackheath 9, Coventry 15; Bridgend 12, Pontypool 15; Cambridge University 12, Northampton 3; Cardiff 10, Moseley 14; Cross Keys 17, South Glamorgan Institute 15; Durham 24, Morley 7; Ebbw Vale 36, Penarth 0; Liverpool St Helens 16, Sheffield 12; Llanelli 20, Leicester 15; London Welsh 4, Harlequins 26; Newport 16, Pontypridd 21; Nuneaton 12, Bedford 24; Richmond 3, Orrell 12; Rosslyn Park 21, Abertillery 20; Sale 21, Saracens 15; Swansea 18, Maesteg 15; Tredegar 13, Newbridge 10. Cancelled: Gosforth v Wasps.

McEWANS SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Ayr 35, Glasgow Acad 15; Boroughmuir 6, Hawick 14; Edinburgh Acad 14, Selkirk 9; Heriot's FP 10, Melrose 18; Kelso 26, Musselburgh 0; Kilmarnock 29, Stewart's Melville FP 20; West of Scotland 6, Watsonians 12.

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: North-West: First division: Carlisle 14, Rochdale 0; Chester 13, Southport 4; Mid Cheshire College 16, Egremont 3; Netherhall 4, Caldy 7; Wirral 8, Blackburn 6.

SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST: First division: Maidenhead 22, Clifton 16; Oxford 9, Bridgwater and Albion 8; Redruth 34, Bournemouth 4; St Ives 12, Weston-super-Mare 9; Taunton 3, Torquay 16. Second division: Cinderford 3, Berry Hill 10; Devon and Cornwall Police 7, Barnstaple 15; Devonport Services 10, Abbey 18; Henley 3, Reading 11; Launceston 9, Newbury 7. Southern counties: Marlow 3, Bletchley 8; Oxford Marathon 15, Banbury 19; Oxford Old Boys 24, Aylesbury 6; Redingensians 25, Windsor 8; Swindon 9, Wimborne 0. Western counties: Metson 32, Clevedon 0; Newquay Hornets 15, Cirencester 10; Okehampton 6, Avon and Somerset Police 9; Old Redcliffians 34, Truro 3; Sidmouth 0, Tiverton 13.

ULSTER SENIOR LEAGUE: First section: Ballymena 7, Malone 12. Club matches: Dungannon 9, Instonians 9; Carrick 9, Portadown 4, Collegians 6, City of Derry 27; Queen's University 37, Bective Rangers 11; CIYMS 25, Armagh 4; Clontarf 21, Ards 8; Old Belvedere 0, Bangor 26.

LONDON AND SOUTH-EAST: Club matches: Chingford 12, Woodford 3; Citizens 15, Old Ruttishians 12; GWR 10, Quintin II 13; Havant 22, Bracknell 0; Old Cooperians 38, Redbridge II 3; Old Reigatians 6, Ruislip 6; Purley 26, Bromley 13; Richmond Thamesians 10, Old Hamptonians 9; Tabard 14, Harpenden 6; Welwyn 26, Watford 0.

NORTH: Club match: Wigan 12, Wrexham 37.

ROWING

Old father Thames is 90 today

By Jim Railton

Today Dick Phelps, a member of the famous family of Putney watermen, celebrates his ninetieth birthday.

He is one of the kindest and gentlest professional watermen you could wish to meet. He has a special eye for sculling and is always free with advice, not only to up-and-coming youngsters but also to international oarsmen and scullers. He is an honorary life member of Thames Rowing Club, where he was professional waterman from 1931 to 1966, and Thames will honour him as a special guest at a reception on Sunday.

The Phelps family is steeped in rowing history. They were originally from Fulham and can be traced back in church registers to 1675. But apart from Dick Phelps' great uncle, 'Honest' John (1805-90), and his son Henry, the other members of the Phelps family have in recent years come from the other side of the river.

'Honest' John is part of Boat Race history. He was the finishing judge in the only dead heat the race has seen, in 1887, when he supposedly gave a verdict of "a dead heat for Oxford by five yards."

Henry became the first of the family to win the famous Doggett Coat and Badge race, in 1860, and altogether 10 Phelpses have won this prized race. Dick's father, Charles, won it in 1884 and Dick himself in 1923.

But Dick, through his connections with the Thames Rowing Club, became an internationally known figure. He was boatman for the British Olympic team in Los Angeles (1932), Berlin (1936) and at Henley in 1948, and to the European Championship team in 1959. He was also boatman for the English team in the Empire Games in Vancouver (1954) and Cardiff (1958). He was appointed Queen's Waterman in 1953.

In almost 30 years of observing international rowing, one race in particular sticks out in his mind: "One of the finest races I have ever seen and will always remember was Thames' double scullers Jack Beresford and Dick Southwood sculling down the pride of Germany at Grunau to win the 1936 Olympic gold medal.

"They went through the Germans in the last two hundred metres exactly opposite the grandstand where Herr Hitler and Hermann Goering glumly sat. That victory gave me special pleasure for many reasons."

The Phelpses are indeed part of Britain's rich rowing heritage. Richard, Dick's grandson, won a gold medal in the world under-23 championships in 1986. Tom his brother, was Boatman to London Rowing Club for many years; his was the solitary figure standing in the bows of the barge that carried the body of Sir Winston Churchill up-river from Tower Pier in 1965.

By a tragic coincidence, Tom and another brother, Harry (bargemaster to the Fishmonger's Company), both collapsed and died in their Doggett's uniform while attending official functions. A third brother, Jack, was boatman to Winchester College and a fourth, Bill, to London University. Dick is the only one of five brothers still alive.

Earlier this week, Dick said: "I would like to double scull, probably with my grandson Richard, down part of the Henley course during the Royal Regatta next year." I have not the slightest doubt that he will — and he will be applauded all the way.

WATNEY FOUR HEAD OF THE RIVER RACE: (Mortlake to Hammersmith): 1, Emmanuel School BC I, 12mins; 2, Imperial College I, 12.12; 3, Thames Tradesman RC I, 12.17; 4, Imperial College BC II, 12.22; 5, Thames Tradesman RC IV, 12.23; 6, Thames Tradesman RC III, 12.25.

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL

Reality catches up with Real's dream

By Simon O'Hagan

After **Real Madrid**'s scintillating start to the season, the first signs of vulnerability are beginning to show and with a European Cup tie coming up against **Porto** tomorrow they can hardly afford to be at anything less than their best.

Real go into their second round, second leg match against the holders with only a 2-1 lead from the first leg; Porto's away goal must give them an edge, coupled with the fact that the Portuguese team's form is fast improving while the Spaniards' — by their own high standards — is in slight decline.

For the first time in the league this season Real failed either to win or score at the weekend. Howard Kendall played his part, for it was his **Athletic Bilbao** side who held Real to a goalless draw. Sanchez looked well below par, his missed chances helping reduce Real's lead at the top to three points from **Atlético Madrid**.

Under César Luis Menotti, the former manager of Argentina and Barcelona, Atlético have become a considerable force in the Spanish game. They are also benefiting from the arrival from Porto of the dashing winger, Futre, who played a key role in their latest win, 3-0 over **Valladolid**, in which the three Ufartes, Roberto, Volvio and Lopez, each scored a goal. The match was also notable for the performance of the referee, who sent off three men and booked another 11.

Porto, for their part, seem to have survived the departure of Futre — not to mention that of their manager, Artur Jorge — to Racing Paris. They now look to the Algerian, Madjer, who scored his ninth goal in 10 games in the 2-0 win over **Sporting Lisbon**, a result which leaves Porto four points clear at the top of the table.

During a weekend when Ian Rush's two goals for **Juventus** represented the best performance by a British player abroad, the England forward, Mark Hateley, made a quiet return after injury as his **Monaco** side drew 0-0 at **Nice** but retained their four-point lead at the top. Metz are the team to watch, though. They have shot up the table to fourth, Eric Black, the Scot, scoring one and creating the other in their 2-1 win over **Niort**.

Göteborg are the new Swedish champions. They lost 2-1 at **Malmo** in the seond leg of their play-off but won the title on the away goals rule.

The Uruguayan team, **Peñarol**, are the South American club champions for 1987, winning the Libertadores Cup with a goal in the last minute of extra time in the second leg of their play-off against **America**, of Colombia. Peñarol will meet Porto for the world club championship in Tokyo on December 13.

OVERSEAS LEAGUE RESULTS

ARGENTINIAN: Racing de Cordoba 0, Deportivo Armenio 1; Velez Sarsfield 2, Rosario Central 1; Deportivo Espanol 1, Estudiantes de La Plata 1; River Plate 4, Ferro Carril Oeste 1; Instituto de Cordoba 1, Union de Santa Fe 0; Independiente 1, Racing Club 1; Argentinos Juniors 4, Talleres de Cordoba 1; Gimnasia y Esgrima 0, Boca Juniors 0; Newell's Old Boys 0, Banfield 0; Platense 0, San Lorenzo 0. Leading positions: 1, Racing Club, played 11, 17pts; 2, San Lorenzo, 11, 16; 3, Newell's Old Boys, 11, 15.

AUSTRIAN: Wiener Sportclub 2, Austria Klagenfurt 0; Rapid Vienna 3, Vienna 1; VfB Modling 1, GAK 2; Admira Wacker 3, FCS Tyrol 1; Sturm Graz 1, LASK 3; VOEST Linz 1, Austria Vienna 3. Leading positions: 1, Rapid Vienna, played 18, 33pts; 2, GAK, 18, 25; 3, Austria Vienna, 18, 23.

BULGARIAN: Lokomotiv Plovdiv 2, Chernomorets 1; Trakia 1, Sredets 0; Etur 3, Vitosha 1; Spartak Varna 0, Slavia Sofia 0; Lokomotiv Sofia 1, Beroe 1, Minyor 2, Sliven 0; Vratsa 1, Pirin 1; Spartak Pleven 2, Lokomotiv Gryakhovitsa 1. Leading position: 1, Sredets, played 11, 17pts; 2, Slavia, 11, 17; 3, Vitosha 11, 16.

CZECHOSLOVAKIAN: ZVL Zilina 3, Inter Bratislava 3, Tatran Presov 1, Spartak Trnava 0; DAC Dunajska Streda 2, Sparta Prague 2; Banik Ostrava 3, Sigma Olomouc 1; Slavia Prague 1, TJ Vitkovice 1; RH Cheb 1, Dukla Prague 0; Dukla Banska Bystrica 1, Plastika Nitra 0; Bohemians Prague 0, Spartak Hradec Kralove 1. Leading positions: 1, Sparta Praha, played 11, 19pts; 2, DAC Dunajska Streda, 11, 15, 3, Banik Ostrava, 11, 14.

DUTCH: FC Utrecht 2, PEC Zwolle 2; PSV Eindhoven 4, Groningen 1; Fortuna Sittard 1, VVV Venlo 1; DS'79 1, AZ Alkmaar 1; Sparta Rotterdam 1, Roda JC 0; Volendam 0, FC Den Bosch 3; Ajax 3, Feyenoord 1; FC Twente 1, Haarlem 2; FC Den Haag 0, Willem II 0. Leading positions: 1, PSV Eindhoven, played 11, 22; 2, Ajax, 12, 17; 3, Fortuna Sittard, 13, 17.

FRENCH: (Friday) Nice 0, Monaco 0. (Saturday) Matra Racing 1, Bordeaux 0; Nantes 2, Cannes 1; Metz 2, Niort 0; Lens 2, Montpellier 1; Marseille 1, Toulouse 0; Saint-Etienne 0, Toulon 0; Auxerre 3, Paris Saint-Germain 0; Brest 2, Lille 2; Laval 4, Le Havre 2. Leading positions: 1, Monaco, played 17, 25pts; 2, Nantes, 17, 21; 3, Bordeaux, 17, 21.

GREEK: Kalamaria 0, Olympiakos 0; Diagoras 1, Panionios 0; Aris Salonika 2, Veria 0; Ethnikos 1, Iraklis 0; Larissa 4, Panseraikos 1; OFI Crete 3, AEK Athens 0; Panathinaikos 2, PAOK 1; Levadiakos 3, Panahaiki 1. Leading positions: 1, Larissa, played 6, 11pts; 2, Ethnikos, 6, 9; 3, Aris, 6, 8.

HUNGARIAN: Pecs 1, Vasas 2; Ujpest Dozsa 1, Ferencvaros 4; Siofok 0, Izzo VAC 1; Honved 3, Haladas 0; Zalaegerszeg 1, Raba ETO 0; MTK VM 2, Bekescsaba 0; Tatabanya 1, Videoton 1; Debrecen 0, Kaposvar 1. Leading positions: 1, Ujpest Dozsa, played 11, 17 pts, 2, Honved, 11, 17; 3, Raba ETO, 11, 16.

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: (Friday) Shamrock Rovers 0, Dundalk 1. (Yesterday) Derry City 3, Bohemians 2; Galway United 1, Cork City 1; St Patrick's Athletic 0, Bray Wanderers 1; Sligo Rovers 1, Shelbourne 0; Waterford United 1, Limerick City 1.

ITALIAN: Ascoli 1, Verona 1; Fiorentina 4, Pescara 0; Juventus 3, Avellino 0; AC Milan 0, Torino 0; Napoli 2, Empoli 1; Pisa 2, Internazionale 1; Roma 3, Como 1; Sampdoria 4, Cesena 1. Leading positions: 1, Napoli, played 7, 13pts; 2, Sampdoria, 7, 10; 3, Roma, 7, 10.

POLISH: Olimpia Poznan 0, GKS Katowice 1, Legia Warszawa 2, Lech Poznan 0; Widzew Lodz 0, Lechia Gdansk 0; Zaglebie Lubin 1, Szombierki Bytom 1; Pogon Szczecin 1, Jagiellonia Bialystok 0; Gornik Walbrzych 1, Slask Wroclaw 1; Baltyk Gdynia 2, Stal Stalowa Wola 0; Gornik Zabrze 4, LKS Lodz 0. Leading positions: 1, Gornik Zabrze, played 13, 24pts; 2, Slask Wroclaw, 13, 18; LKS Lodz, 13, 18.

PORTUGUESE: Vitoria Setubal 2, Portimonense 1; Boavista 1, Chaves 0; Belenenses 3, Penafiel 1; Covilha 1, Maritimo Funchal 2; Academica Coimbra 2, Espinho 2; Farense 1, Sporting Braga 0; Benfica 2, Rio Ave 0; Porto 2, Sporting 0; Varzim 0, Elvas 0; Guimaraes 3, Salgueiros 0. Leading positions: 1, Porto, played 10, 17pts; 2, Benfica, 10, 13; 3, Boavista, 10, 13.

ROMANIAN: Victoria Bucharest 4, Corvinul Hunedoara 2; Sportul Studentesc 3, Petrolul Ploesti 1; Flacara Moreni 1, FC Olt 1; CSM Suceava 1, Dynamo Bucharest 3; Universitatea Craiova 0, Uni Cluj Napoca 0; Arges Pitesti 2, Otelul Galati 0; SC Bacau 1, Rapid Bucharest 0; FCM Brasov 2, Politehnica Timosoara 0; ASA Tirgu Mures 2, Steaua Bucharest 4. Leading positions: 1, Dynamo Bucharest, played 10, 20pts; 2, Steaua Bucharest, 10, 19; 3, Victoria Bucharest, 10, 13.

SOVIET: Ararat Yerevan 3, Spartak Moscow 2; Dynamo Minsk 1, CSKA Moscow 0; Dynamo Tbilisi 3, Metalist Kharkov 1; Zenit Leningrad 0, Dnepr Dnepropetrovsk 0; Zhalgiris Vilnius 4, Dynamo Moscow 0; Neftchi Baku 3, Dynamo Kiev 1; Kairat Alma-Ata 3, Shakhtyor Donetsk 1; Guriya Lanchkhuti 0, Torpedo Moscow 3. Leading positions: 1, Spartak Moscow, played 28, 40pts; 2, Dnepr Dnepropetrovsk, 28, 38; 3, Zhalgiris Vilnius, 28, 35.

SPANISH: Celta 2, Real Betis 0; Athletic Bilbao 0, Real Madrid 0; Espanol 2, Real Zaragoza 1; Logrones 0, Barcelona 1, Real Mallorca 3, Real Murcia 3; Sabadell 0, Real Sociedad 2; Atlético Madrid 3, Real Valladolid 0; Valencia 1, Sporting 1; Sevilla 0, Osasuna 2; Cadiz 2, Las Palmas 0. Leading positions: Real Madrid, played 9, 17pts; 2, Atlético Madrid, 9, 14; Celta, 9, 12.

SWEDISH LEAGUE: Championship final, second leg: Malmö 2, Göteborg 1 (2-2 on agg; Göteborg win on away goals).

SWISS LEAGUE: Aarau 1, Servette Geneva 0; Bellinzona 2, Basle 2; Grasshoppers Zurich 1, Zurich 0; Lausanne 4, St Gallen 0; Sion 3, Lucerne 1. Leading positions: 1, Aarau, played 17, 23pts; 2, Grasshoppers Zurich, 17, 22; 3, Neuchatel Xamax, 16, 21.

WEST GERMAN: Werder Bremen 2, Eintracht Frankfurt 0; Schalke 0, Borussia Mönchengladbach 3; Cologne 1, SV Hamburg 0; VfB Stuttgart 4, Bayer Leverkusen 1; Bayer Uerdingen 2, Borussia Dortmund 1; VfL Bochum 0, Bayern Munich 2; Kaiserslautern 2, Waldhof Mannheim 2; Karlsruhe 2, Homburg 1; Hanover '96 1, Nuremberg 2. Leading positions: 1, Werder Bremen played 14, 23pts; 2, Cologne 14, 23; 3, Bayern Munich 14, 22.

YUGOSLAV: Buducnost Titograd 2, Hajduk Split 0; Velez Mostar 2, Osijek 0; Partizan Belgrade 0, Zeljeznicar Sarajevo 0; Sloboda Tuzla 3, Radnicki Nis 0; Sarajevo 2, Pristina 0; Vojvodina Novi Sad 4, Sutjeska Niksic 1; Rijeka 0, Dynamo Zagreb 0; Celik Zenica 2, Red Belgrade 1. Leading positions: 1, Velez, played 13, 17pts; 2, Dynamo, 13, 16; 3, Sloboda, 13, 16.

HOCKEY

Keen duel likely in re-match

Sydney Friskin

The sparks should fly again when Teddington meet Slough in the second round of the Hockey Association Cup on November 15. The teams have already played each other in the premier division of the London League on October 25 when the game ended in a hard-fought goalless draw.

Among other interesting second round matches are those between Guildford and Hounslow; East Grinstead and Cambridge City. Pickwick face a stern test against Coventry and North Warwickshire, the Wilson League first division champions. Southgate, the holders, have an away match against Spencer and Purley, who beat City of Oxford 5-1, visit Oxford Hawks, 1-0 winners over Hamble Old Boys.

DRAW: Second round: South: Oxford Hawks v Purley; Indian Gymkhana v Beckenham; Tulse Hill v Fareham; Spencer v Southgate; Old Mid-Whitgiftians v Reading; Amersham v Havant; Teddington v Slough; Canterbury v Gore Court; Old Tauntonians v High Wycombe; Richmond v Bracknell; Guildford v Hounslow. East: Westcliff v Pelicans; St Albans v RAF Strike Command; Norwich Grasshoppers v Bishop's Stortford; Ford v Broxbourne; Norwich Exiles v Old Loughtonians; East Grinstead v Cambridge City. North: Wigan v Welton; Ben Rhydding v Warrington; Bowdon v Alderley Edge; Sunderland v Preston; Neston v Wakefield; Doncaster v Liverpool Sefton. Midlands: Barford Tigers v Cannock; Coventry and North Warwickshire v Pickwick; Hampton-in-Arden v Harborne; Derby v Ashby de la Zouch; Old Halesonians v Olton and West Warwickshire. West: East Devon v Isca; Cheltenham v Jersey; Malborough v Firebrands; Taunton Vale v Whitehorse West Wiltshire.

Coming-of-age festivities include goals

By Joyce Whitehead

Christine Smith, on her 21st birthday, scored the two goals by which **Durham** beat **Cheshire** in the women's county hockey championship North group match at Scholemoor on Sunday. **Yorkshire** also had reasons to celebrate their weekend's work. They beat Cheshire, with two goals for Sarah Hobson, who was in scintillating form, and the **Sheffield League**.

In their first championship match of the season **Berkshire**, the South title holders, demolished **Oxfordshire** 9-0 and **Sussex** 4-0. Lesley Hobley scored five goals and Debbie Jackson, brought in as a substitute, scored two and gained promotion. **Surrey** and **Middlesex** both triumphed over **Hampshire** while **Buckinghamshire** remain unbeaten with wins against Sussex and Oxfordshire.

Two trebles were scored in the West group at Sherborne School, by Caroline Humphries for **Cornwall** and Elaine Basterfield for **Avon**, both against **Herefordshire**. **Gloucestershire**, shattered by losing 2-1 to **Wiltshire**, took it out on Cornwall, scoring six times.

In the East, at Colchester, **Suffolk**'s new-look team was made to struggle. They lost 3-0 to **Norfolk** whose Colleen Dennis, substituting for Katherine Edwards, scored twice. A strong looking **Kent** side then beat them 4-0. But against **Essex**, Kent met their match.

Staffordshire, without Jane Swinnerton, scored fewer goals than usual in Midland group matches at Alexander Stadium, Birmingham, but continued their winning ways by beating **Warwickshire** and **Worcestershire**. **Leicestershire**, too, came up to scratch without their Great Britain players, scoring six against **Shropshire** and two against **Northamptonshire**.

RESULTS: Midlands: Derbyshire 2, Nottinghamshire 1; Staffordshire 1, Warwickshire 0; Staffordshire 2, Worcestershire 0; Warwickshire 0, Worcestershire 0; Leicestershire 2, Northamptonshire 0; Bedfordshire 5, Shropshire 0; Bedfordshire 0, Northamptonshire 0; Leicestershire 6, Shropshire 0. South: Berkshire 9, Oxfordshire 0; Buckinghamshire 2, Sussex 0; Surrey 1, Hampshire 0; Buckinghamshire 1, Oxfordshire 0; Berkshire 4, Sussex 0; Middlesex 3, Hampshire 1.

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CRICKET

England team given Sri Lankan vote as likely champions

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Bombay

It was interesting yesterday to hear a Sri Lankan view on the likely outcome of the World Cup. It came from Don Smith, formerly of England and Sussex, who is Sri Lanka's official coach and has seen all their matches.

Now bearded and nautical in appearance, Smith tips England to become champions because of their professionalism. The Sri Lankans, he says, found a vital difference between playing against England and the other sides in Group B. Their batsmen were all agreed that England's bowlers gave significantly less away than the Pakistanis and the West Indians. That is gratifying because efficiency, rather than flair, was always going to give England their best chance.

Both England's defeats in the qualifying matches could be put down to losing sight of the main chance. First, against Pakistan in Rawalpindi, when all that was needed to win was a steady turning of the screw rather than a sudden whirling of bats, and then in Karachi, again against Pakistan, when their best partnership of the competition was halted by an attempt at a reverse sweep.

On the second occasion England's bowlers also had a bad day, simply by failing to bowl accurately enough. As a competition this has all too little to do with taking wickets, just as schools cricket in England would, if as I see might happen, the limited-overs format were to take over. One likes to think of the Head, the Close, Meads, Agars Plough and the Square and all the other great independent nurseries of the game, as being where traditional values are safeguarded.

It is oppressively hot in Bombay and the Wankhede is a very airless stadium, surrounded by towering stands. England practised long and hard there yesterday morning, as they will again tomorrow. Today Mickey Stewart, as assistant manager and coach, will ask a chosen few to attend a special practice session. I was critical recently of Gatting

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for absenting himself from one of these after England had lost a second time to Pakistan, not necessarily to take an active part himself but just to be there, showing the interest which is paramount to his job.

Now let me give his view. It is that he leaves the running of the practices to Stewart — that is, who does what and when and where. There is, of course, close co-operation between the two of them. But now that the assistant manager's role is more clearly defined than it used to be, the captain is no doubt entitled to consider himself relieved of more of the responsibility than he once would have been, or perhaps would have wanted to be. The captain thinks you have a decidedly stuffy correspondent; your correspondent thinks you have an admirable and wholehearted but very modern captain.

The most conspicuous absentee from yesterday's practices was not an Englishman but Sunil Gavaskar, whose brilliant hundred against New Zealand on Saturday was made with a temperature of 102. He stayed at home yesterday, which meant that there was no chance of seeing Rohan Gavaskar, his little boy, named out of his father's admiration for Kanhai, the West Indian batting wizard. Gavaskar minor bats left-handed and seems to be the Indians' mascot.

Thursday's pitch was drying out yesterday from its last watering, which it had had on Sunday. There looks to be nothing the matter with it, though it will be surprising if the ball does not turn

Not half a mile away is the Brabourne Stadium, still known as the CCI (Cricket Club of India) and once the headquarters of Indian cricket. It is something of a relic now, like many of the Maharajas' palaces; but the old customs survive. Last night the sun went down to the strains of Iolanthe and the Pirates of Penzance.

As it did so, reaction was fairly unmixed concerning the organizing committee's intention to reduce the lunch interval in the final from 40 minutes to half an hour, to allow for the slightly earlier dusk in Calcutta. After being in the field for three and a half hours, which is the cricketing equivalent of running a marathon in the tropics, the very least the side batting second needs to prepare itself to bat is 40 minutes, and England have said so.

In Australia, in the one-day competitions, there is an hour between innings, though that has something to do with accommodating the television people. One alternative in the final here would be to start at 8.50 rather than 9 a.m.; but the players consider 9.00 to be quite early enough and they are right in that, too. What seems strange is that it has taken two years for it to occur to the organizers that they could have got the hours of play wrong in Calcutta — unless it has suddenly started to get dark earlier there, in which case someone has missed a scoop.

● Neil Foster's chances of playing on Thursday are far from bright. The Essex bowler, who has a sore right knee, was a virtual bystander at yesterday's practice.

Hadlee back for Australia

Wellington (AFP) — Richard Hadlee was yesterday recalled to the New Zealand team which begins a tour of Australia later this month. Hadlee was not available for his country's World Cup campaign.

Of the players who returned here from India yesterday, only one — Stephen Boock — was not included in the party. Boock, who has retired at the age of 36, is replaced by Evan Gray.

SQUAD: J J Crowe (captain), J G Bracewell, E J Chatfield, M D Crowe, E J Gray, R J Hadlee, P A Horne, A H Jones, D K Morrison, D N Patel, I D S Smith, M C Snedden, W K Watson, J G Wright.

Fighting fit: Sibson after news of his next bout yesterday (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

BOXING

Ambitious Sibson heading for a dangerous return

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Tony Sibson could be boxing for the world middleweight title again early in the new year if he comes through a bout with 'Dangerous' Don Lee at the Albert Hall on December 2.

It is a contest that neither his manager, Frank Warren, nor trainer, Ken Squires, wanted him to take but Sibson insisted on it not only because he had a score to settle with Lee, who knocked him out four years ago, but also because these days it is difficult to motivate him for meaningless 10-rounders.

It is a move that has been forced upon Sibson's camp because "our board failed to get Sibson nominated for the European title." As European champion, Sibson would have been automatically world ranked in the top 10 and would not have had to take this dangerous step against a man who has been beaten only twice in 30 contests.

"It is not a fight that anyone should take who is thinking of building up a career," Sibson said. "I had a very painful experience against him in Atlantic City but the fight is doubly important to me. I want revenge and I want the world title shot that beating him could bring me." The two champions Sibson wants to challenge are Sumbu Kalambay, of Italy, or Frank Tate, of the United States.

Warren thinks he can bring Tate, the International Boxing Federation champion, to London. "Tate has boxed for me before at Basildon in March and I know that we could do business again," Warren said yesterday. According to Warren, American television have shown an interest in the bout because they like British boxers "Sibson is known to Americans and they will be only too glad to see him again," Warren said.

Sibson believes that this time he can beat Lee: "I was ill when I fought him. I was having chest troubles and I was under treatment from a doctor. I did not want to fight and was railroaded into it by television and by my management." In spite of being under the weather at the time, Sibson had Lee down in the first and seventh rounds; Lee had Sibson down three times in the third and had him dazed in the eighth when the referee stepped in.

It was a bout that set Sibson back for almost a year and ever since then he has been asking for Lee. "I'm sure I can beat him" he said. "I know he can hit and could end my career but it is a risk I have to take. I always seem to do well when I have to get myself up for a fight. I'm 29 years old and I don't want to mess about. At this stage of my life all my fights have to be significant and Don Lee fits the bill perfectly."

FOOTBALL: WELSH AND CZECHOSLOVAKS NAME SQUADS FOR NEXT WEEK'S EUROPEAN QUALIFIER

Inspiring Doherty wins recall

By George Ace

Lee Doherty, a midfield player with Linfield, the Irish League champions, is included in Billy Bingham's squad of 18 for the European Championship qualifying match against Turkey at Windsor Park tomorrow week.

Doherty, aged 23, scored on his only previous international appearance, against Israel in 1985. He owes his recall to some inspired recent performances for Linfield and he joins George Dunlop, his team colleague and the No. 2 goalkeeper, as the only Irish League players named.

A broken nose sustained against Bury just over a week ago has ruled out Alan McDonald, whose place goes to the experienced John O'Neill. O'Neill was a member of Northern Ireland' World Cup squad in Mexico and joined Queen's Park Rangers from Leicester City during the close season.

Gary Fleming, an original choice for last month's game against Yugoslavia but ruled out through injury, is included at the expense of his replacement Jimmy Nicholl, of Rangers; otherwise the panel is much as expected. Allen McKnight, out of the Celtic team at the moment, retains his place, as does Anton Rogan.

Bingham has appealed to the supporters to turn out and give the team their full support. "This match is a build-up in our attempt to reach the World Cup finals and I appeal to all to give the team their full support. It is wrong to classify it as a non-event; it is of the utmost importance.

"I am blooding young players like Gary Fleming, Allen McKnight and Anton Rogan, among others, and they need the support and encouragement of the fans."

SQUAD: A McKnight (Celtic), G Dunlop (Linfield), G Fleming (Nottingham Forest), M Donaghy (Luton Town), J McClelland (Watford), D McCreery (Newcastle United), D Campbell (Notts County), K Wilson (Chelsea), C Clarke (Southampton), N Whiteside (Manchester United), N Worthington (Sheffield Wednesday), J Quinn (Swindon Town), B McNally (Shrewsbury Town), D Wilson (Luton Town), P Ramsey (Leicester City), A Rogan (Celtic), J O'Neill (Queen's Park Rangers), L Doherty (Linfield).

England brings in Williams but claims discrimination

The Welsh manager, Mike England, yesterday accused the Football League of selfish discrimination in denying Wales the same preparation for next week's European Championship qualifying matches as the English squad will have.

"I wish we were a black team. Then we would get it easily, because if they didn't treat us the same as England we could claim racial discrimination," England said when he named his squad of 16 for the match in Czechoslovakia that Wales must win to qualify for the final stages.

He has recalled David Williams, Norwich's player-coach, to replace Robbie James, who is suspended, but has to wait until the weekend to see if he will be fit. Williams is one of the six Welsh players denied the weekend off by the League only postponing fixtures that affect England players.

"We're very disappointed not to get the same treatment as England — they're just looking after No. 1, even though all my players have graced the English league," England said. "We feel that there is no reason why they couldn't have helped us as well."

Williams, aged 32 and capped just five times, looks like having to perform a key role if he is fit enough to play in Prague (a back injury kept him out of Saturday's draw with Queen's Park Rangers). He comes in after James picked up two yellow cards in the matches against the Danes.

His call-up came only days after he was given sole responsibility for first-team coaching at Norwich. And he is determined to respond to the challenge.

"If we win this one then we are in the finals; and having missed out on the World Cup there is nothing I'd like more," Williams said.

SQUAD: N Southall (Everton), E Niedzwiecki (Chelsea), N Slatter (Oxford United), C Blackmore (Manchester United), K Ratcliffe (Everton), P Van den Hauwe (Everton), G Williams (Derby County), D Phillips (Coventry City), P Nicholas (Aberdeen), B Horne (Portsmouth), D Williams (Norwich City), A Jones (Charlton Athletic), G Hodges (Watford), I Rush (Juventus), M Hughes (Barcelona), K Jackett (Watford).

● Josef Masopust, the Czechoslovak manager, also named his squad yesterday, and includes seven players from Sparta Prague, the current league leaders.

SQUAD: L Miklosko (Banik Ostrava), P Kostelnik (Dukla Prague); S Levy (Bohemians Prague), L Bielik (Sparta Prague), F Chovanec (Sparta Prague), M Kadlec (Banik Ostrava), J Novak (Dukla Prague), J Fiala (Le Havre), I Hasek (Sparta Prague), L Moravcik (Nitra), M Bilek (Sparta Prague), V Nemecek (Sparta Prague), P Janecka (Bohemians Prague), T Skuhravy (Sparta Prague), V Danek (Banik Ostrava), I Knoflicek (Sparta Prague).

Yugoslavia squad

Belgrade (AP) — Yugoslavia's squad to play England here next week was named yesterday and includes six overseas-based players.

SQUAD: M Ravnic (Rijeka), V Radaca (Rad), M Belic (Zeleznicar), L Radanovic (Partizan), B Miljus (Hajduk), F Hadzibegic (Sochaux), Zoran Vujovic (Bordeaux), S Katanec (Partizan), R Sabanadzovic (Red Star Belgrade), M Elsner (Nice), Z Vulic (Hajduk), M Bazdarevic (Sochaux), D Stojkovic (Red Star Belgrade), M Jankovic (Real Madrid), M Mlinaric (Dinamo), S Tuce (Velez), Zlatko Vujovic (Bordeaux), F Vokri (Partizan), S Cvetkovic (Red Star Belgrade), D Pancev (Vardar).

Revered old boys dropped

Although Andy Roxburgh yesterday omitted two of Scotland's most experienced campaigners for next week's match against Bulgaria in Sofia, he insisted that "they have not been drummed out of my plans." Willie Miller, of Aberdeen, and Strachan, of Manchester United, were notable absentees when the Scots manager named his squad of 19.

The pair, who have made 96 international appearances between them, are making room for Roxburgh to step up his youth policy, which was highly successful against Hungary and Belgium recently. "The fact that they are missing is not a reflection on them," he said. "It reflects on our present policy to give newer players experience and develop them for the future. I couldn't have a higher regard for Strachan and Miller and I've had a chat to them and they understand.

"I have in my mind a squad of 28 players. It includes this travelling party, one or two senior players, some who have been around but are injured and some youngsters who would be amazed to know they are even under consideration."

As part of Roxburgh's "development policy", the squad to travel to Sofia contains several youngsters. While Durrant, of Rangers, Whyte, of Celtic, and Clarke, of Chelsea, fall into that category, another Stamford Bridge player has won promotion to the seniors.

Gordon Durie, signed by Chelsea from Hibernian last year for £350,000, joins the squad in the absence of the French-based forwards, Johnston and Black, who have club commitments. The Scots manager could be tempted to blood Durie alongside McCoist, of Rangers, who has scored three of Scotland's four international goals so far this season.

SCOTLAND SQUAD: J Leighton (Aberdeen), H Smith (Heart of Midlothian) S Clarke (Chelsea), G Gillespie (Liverpool), R Gough (Rangers), A McLeish (Aberdeen), M Malpas (Dundee United), S Nicol (Liverpool), D Whyte (Celtic), R Aitken (Celtic), J Bett (Aberdeen), I Durrant (Rangers), P McStay (Celtic), I Wilson (Everton), P Nevin (Chelsea), G Durie (Chelsea), B McClair (Manchester United), A McCoist (Rangers), G Sharp (Everton).

Chelsea may gain from collapse of QPR deal

David Bulstrode, the chairman of Queen's Park Rangers, still intends to buy the club for £6 million, despite the collapse of a deal between Marler Estates and Berkley House because of the recent fall in share prices (Dennis Signy writes).

Bulstrode, who also is chairman of Marler, owners of the Chelsea, Fulham and Quen's Park Rangers grounds, promised Rangers' supporters he would separate the club from his property company when he succeeded Jim Gregory at Loftus Road in May. He still plans to offer shares to supporters and the public during 1988.

"The current situation in the financial market is the reason for the deal being called off," Bulstrode said. It was planned that Marler would purchase *Berkley House*, but that Bulstrode and his fellow Marler and Rangers directors, Robert Noonan and Robin Turner, would resign.

An integral part of that deal was that Bulstrode would be given a contract to purchase the controlling interest in Rangers; leaving Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, and Fulham to negotiate the futures of their grounds with Berkley House.

Although Chelsea and Fulham are now back to dealing with Bulstrode, there is a growing confidence at Stamford Bridge that their club can be saved from the developers.

Bates has launched a Save the Bridge campaign aimed at raising £15 million to buy Stamford Bridge and has submitted a planning application to develop the ground. He disputes the £30 million valuation put forward by a firm on behalf of Marler. "All *the froth and hype* has been blown away by the crash," he said.

French step in to intensify hunt for Wark

Le Havre, the French first division club, have made an offer for John Wark, Liverpool's Scottish international midfield player.

The offer, around £125,000, may halt Wark's possible return to Ipswich Town. Wark is considering an offer from John Duncan, the Ipswich manager, but may find the French offer more attractive as the club is likely to offer a salary similar to the amount he is earning at Anfield.

● Mike Walker, the Colchester United manager, and Alan Hunter, the chief coach, resigned yesterday over a difference of opinion with the club's board. Steve Foley, the youth coach, will take charge for tonight's match at Rochdale, but the fourth division club, one of seven within a point of the leaders, hope to make a permanent appointment this week.

BASKETBALL

Class gulf may fire breakaway

By Nicholas Harling

Fears that the top clubs are becoming ever more powerful after engineering the creation of the Premier League, or the Carlsberg League as it is now known, are growing increasingly realistic the longer this season progresses.

Political motives were the cause of the breakaway movement from the governing body of English basketball, the EBBA, in the summer, but, on court as well as off it, the wealthy clubs are now threatening another breakaway.

The situation was never more clearly illustrated than at the weekend, when some of the struggling clubs suffered embarrassing defeats. The most ignominious reverse, a margin of 58 points, was that inflicted on Oldham Celtics by Portsmouth, the league champions. Only one point better off were BCP London, although Renaldo Lawrence (42 points), the weekend's top individual scorer, did escape some of the indignity heaped on his side by Sharp Manchester United.

Almost as bad were Derby, victims of a 42-point home defeat by Calderdale Explorers. Leicester, admittedly without Barry Young, a knee-injury victim, lost by 26 points at home to Polycell Kingston, and Bolton went down predictably by 15 points at Hemel Hempstead, who themselves succumbed by 10 points at Livingston the following evening.

"It was an unfortunate weekend, with the top clubs playing the bottom ones," Dave Clarke, the Carlsberg League administrator, admitted. "But I don't think the top clubs are necessarily getting stronger.

"The Manchester United result was a freak for this season because of London's internal problems, but we've got to accept that the league has got some well established clubs with strength, and some relatively new low-budgeted ones, like Oldham. They have bust a gut to get into the league and now they are finding it a bit hot."

Bernie Gallagher, the Birmingham director, whose club have lurched from one financial crisis to another in recent years, is one man far from convinced that the élite will continue to have things all their own way; at least not if Birmingham have anything to do with it. After the manner in which Daren Rowe, Birmingham's new 6ft 8in American from New Jersey, has adjusted, with 22 points in each of his first two games, Gallagher is even looking forward to next week's visit to Portsmouth.

"They've got the best defensive record in the league, so it will be interesting," he said. "If we beat them, the cat will be among the pigeons. With Solent also doing well, the league is not as clear-cut as everyone thinks."

EQUESTRIANISM

Jumpers down to earth for Games

By Jenny MacArthur

Virginia Leng, the three-day event world champion, and John Whitaker, the European show jumping silver medal winner, will help raise money for the British Equestrian Olympic Fund (BEOF) when they and other riders compete in a special celebrity race at the Property World Olympic Race Evening to be held next June 29, sponsored by Arlington Securities.

The evening, which involves a six-race programme, will be the biggest fund-raising project by the BEOF for the Olympic Games. With the help of additional sponsorships of races and riders throughout the evening they hope to raise £50,000 towards their target of £170,000 needed to send the three equestrian teams to Seoul.

Malcolm Pyrah, David Broome and Michael Whitaker are among the other show jumpers who have said they will compete along with the dressage riders, Christopher Bartle and Ferdi Eilberg, and the three-day event riders, Ian Stark, Lorna Clarke, Rachel Hunt and Lucinda Green. The celebrity race, called the Olympic Rider's Invitation Stakes (a limited handicap for amateur riders) is over one mile, one furlong and is for four-year-olds.

For many of these celebrities, including John Whitaker, it will be their first time in a flat race. Mrs Leng has ridden once before and, after tips from her local trainer Jeremy Tree, enjoyed the experience.

Mrs Green, however, is an old hand. This will be her sixth flat race (all for charity) and she has been "terrified" each time. "It's nerve-racking flying round corners at 25 m.p.h. squashed in with six other horses ridden by equally incompetent jockeys."

VOLLEYBALL

MIM worried by injury to their captain

By Roddy Mackenzie

With no English club taking up the option of playing in Europe this season owing to the high costs involved, it is left to Scotland's MIM Livingston and Kyle to fly the British flag.

No Scottish team has competed in Europe for 15 years, but MIM meet Sokol Vienna in the men's Champions' Cup in Livingston on Saturday and Kyle, the runners-up in the women's Royal Bank Scottish League last season, face Stade Français in the Confederation Cup in Irvine on Sunday.

As Vince Krawczyk, the Kyle coach, said: "We're there to learn." But it is a costly education — playing a first-round tie in Europe can cost about £4,000.

Progress should not beyond MIM's capabilities, although Sokol boast eight internationals and the Scots have an injury worry about Kenny Barton. The captain, who holds over 50 caps, has hurt his back, but he said: "I'm making progress by exercising every hour."

Kyle also have a doubt over Caroline McCulloch, their captain, who has sprained an ankle, but Krawczyk said: "I wouldn't write her off — she's determined to make such a big match."

Meanwhile, Spark, the English men's first division leaders, have signed a sponsorship deal with Time Out, the London magazine, over the next three years. Spark have won all seven of their league matches, winning the top-of-the-table match with Malory, their London rivals, 15-13, 16-14, 16-14 and beating Dragonara Leeds 15-6, 15-12, 15-6.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NFL): Indianapolis Colts 19, New York Jets 14; Houston Oilers 31, Cincinnati Bengals 29; Chicago Bears 31, Kansas City Chiefs 28; New England Patriots 26, Los Angeles Raiders 23; New Orleans Saints 38, Atlanta Falcons 0; Philadelphia Eagles 28, St. Louis Cardinals 23; Miami Dolphins 35, Pittsburgh Steelers 24; Tampa Bay Buccaneers 23, Green Bay Packers 17; Washington Redskins 27, Buffalo Bills 7; San Diego Chargers 27, Cleveland Browns 24; Denver Broncos 34, Detroit Lions 0; Seattle Seahawks 28, Minnesota Vikings 17; San Francisco 49ers 31, Los Angeles Rams 10.

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Eastern division	W	L	D	F	A
Indianapolis Colts	4	3	0	140	103
N England Patriots	4	3	0	139	151
New York Jets	3	4	0	165	163
Buffalo Bills	3	4	0	122	183
Miami Dolphins	3	4	0	103	157
Central division	W	L	D	F	A
Houston Oilers	5	2	0	160	153
Cleveland Browns	4	3	0	173	107
Pittsburgh Steelers	4	3	0	158	156
Cincinnati Bengals	2	5	0	124	156
Western division	W	L	D	F	A
San Diego Chargers	6	1	0	160	128
Seattle Seahawks	5	2	0	194	135
Denver Broncos	4	2	1	184	139
L Angeles Raiders	3	4	0	152	135
Kansas City Chiefs	1	6	0	112	227

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Eastern division	W	L	D	F	A
Washngtn Redskins	6	1	0	177	108
Dallas Cowboys	3	3	0	135	134
Philadelphia Eagles	3	4	0	151	186
St Louis Cardinals	2	5	0	151	180
New York Giants	1	5	0	99	142
Central division	W	L	D	F	A
Chicago Bears	6	1	0	191	105
Tampa B Buccanrs	4	3	0	164	128
Green Bay Packers	3	3	1	123	138
Minnesota Vikings	3	4	0	139	170
Detroit Lions	1	6	0	119	213
Western division	W	L	D	F	A
San Francisco 49ers	6	1	0	199	154
New Orleans Saints	4	3	0	160	123
Atlanta Falcons	2	5	0	117	216
Los Angeles Rams	1	6	0	112	163

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: Worthing 93, Cardiff 80; Aberdare 58, Gateshead 78. Women: Stockport 77, Ipswich 72; Kingston 81, Nottingham 50; Avon Northampton 72, Crystal Palace 59; London Jets 62, Brixton 65. MOSCOW: Women's champion clubs' cup: Second round, second leg: Dynamo Novosibirsk (USSR) 115, Lahti (Fin) 68. Novosibirsk win 196-126 on aggregate.

REAL TENNIS

CANFORD: Combined Services bt Canford RTC 3-2 (Combined Services names first): Air Vice-Marshal R H Palin lost to A Sawyer 2-6, 1-6; Lt Cdr P Roe bt P Goodwin 6-4, 6-5; Lt Col E B C Aitken bt C Nobbs 6-2, 6-3; Col C Wright lost to D Gibbons 6-3, 2-6, 0-6; Maj R Thornley bt A Gardiner 6-2, 6-3.

GOLF

ESTORIL: Portuguese Open: Final scores (GB unless stated): 196: R Lee, 61, 67, 67. 195: S Torrance, 67, 64, 65. 197: O Sellberg (Swe), 69, 65, 63; A Sherborne, 65, 67, 65. 198: I Young, 69, 66, 63; P Walton (Ire), 71, 63, 64; C O'Connor (Ire), 69, 65, 64. 199: J Rivero (Sp), 70, 66, 63; P Baker, 64, 69, 66. 200: J O'Leary (Ire), 68, 66, 68. 201: C Mason, 68, 65, 68; R Drummond, 68, 67, 68. 202: D Williams, 74, 63, 65; O Eckstein (WG), 69, 67, 66; B Andrade (US), 69, 66, 67; D Llewellyn, 67, 67, 68; W Longmuir, 68, 73, 71. 203: M Pinero (Sp), 70, 66, 67; N Hansen, 70, 68, 65; D Smyth (Ire), 71, 64, 68; R Chapman, 68, 67, 68. 204: J Morgan, 71, 67, 66; M Persson (Swe), 69, 66, 67; C Rocca (It), 67, 70, 67; Gordon J Brand, 64, 74, 66; B Marchbank, 67, 71, 66; G Turner, 66, 72, 66; A Murray, 70, 65, 69. 205: N Briggs, 69, 69, 67; P-A Broström (Swe), 70, 66, 69; M Martin (Sp), 67, 69, 69; J Davila (Sp), 70, 66, 69; K Waters, 69, 69, 67; A Canessa (It), 71, 68, 66; A Saavedra (Arg), 71, 68, 66. 206: J-M Canizares (Sp), 67, 70, 69; D Ray, 74, 67, 65; S Luna (Sp), 68, 68, 70. 207: M James, 67, 74, 66; A Forsbrand (Swe), 69, 69, 69; P Carrabo (Swe), 69, 69, 69; J Hall, 70, 65, 72. 208: S Tinning (Den), 68, 70, 70. 209: J Quiros (Sp), 71, 69, 69; M Sunesson (Swe), 66, 71, 72; M Lanner (Swe), 70, 69, 70. 210: J Rutledge (Can), 67, 73, 70. 212: A Garrido (Sp), 72, 69, 71.

TALLAHASSEE: Open tournament: Final scores (US unless stated): 278: K Clearwater. 279: J Sindelar; B Glasson; B Lohr; B Kratzert. 280: B Gardner; J Mahaffey; B Gilder; M Hulbert; G Powers; H Green. 281: R Black; R Cochran. 282: T Sieckmann; F Conner.

SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, G Norman (Aus) 1189pts; 2, S Ballesteros (Sp) 1146; 3, B Langer (WG) 1144; 4, C Strange (US) 882; 5, S Lyle (GB) 812; 6, I Woosnam (GB) 744; 7, Mark McNulty (SA) 722; 8, P Stewart (US) 719; 9, T Nakajima (Japan) 715; 10, R Davis (Aus) 672; 11, L Wadkins (US) 664; 12, P Azinger (US) 661; 13, B Crenshaw (US) 648; 14, L Mize (US) 637; 15, S Simpson (US) 612; 16, I Aoki (Japan) 610; 17, N Faldo (GB) 592; 18, T Watson (US) 591; 24, L Nelson (US) 530. Other British positions: 37, G Brand Jnr 389; 43, H Clark 366; 50, S Torrance 297.

BOWLS

PRESTON: CIS UK indoor singles championship: First round: J Baker (Ire) bt A McCarley (Wales), 7-1, 5-7, 7-1; N McGhee (Sco) bt N Burrows (Eng), 7-5, 3-7, 7-5; J Evans (Eng) bt B Duncan (Eng), 7-3, 7-5; J Price (Wales) bt R Crawshaw (Eng), 7-4, 4-7, 7-1.

INDOOR COUNTY MATCHES: Berkshire 98, Gloucestershire 140; Leicestershire 127, Derbyshire 101.

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Men: First division: Atlas Wessex 2, Capital City 3; Speedwell Rucanor 3, Polonia 2; Liverpool City 1, Malory 3; Radio Trent Rockets 1, Redwood Lodge 3; Spark Crook Log 3, Dragonara Leeds 0; W.H. White Poole 1, Staffordshire Moorlands 3. Women: First division: Istard 3, Portsmouth Healseal 1; Ashcombe 3, Spark 0; Sale 3, Bradford Mythbreakers 0; Dragonara Leeds 3, Birmingham All 0.

TABLE TENNIS

LEEDS BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Bath 8, Cardiff O; Market Drayton 4, Ormesby 4; Plymouth 2, Birmingham 6. First division: Ashford 7, Newcastle I; West Warwickshire 2, St Neots 8.

SPEEDWAY

AUTUMN TROPHY: Second leg: (at Rye House): Hackney 39, Rye House 37; Arena Essex 32. Progressive scores: Hackney 88; Arena Essex 65; Rye House 64.

TENNIS

TELFORD: LTA women's indoor tournament: Singles: First round: M Strandlund (Swe) bt M Eikenboom (Neth), 6-2, 6-1; E Manukova (USSR) bt M Drake (Can.) 6-4, 1-6, 6-1; J Tacon (Norfolk) bt M Ekstrand (Swe), 6-4, 7-5; J Jonerup (Swe) bt K Quentrec (Fr), 6-3, 6-3; M Roolmans (Neth) bt K Rickett (GB), 6-2, 6-4; V Paquet (Fr) bt S Jaquet (Switz), 6-3, 7-5; S Schenck (US) bt H Sprung (Austria), 7-6, 6-2; N Medvedeva (USSR) bt T Catlin (GB), 6-3, 6-1; P Moreno (HK) bt C Bousmens (Bel), 4-6, 7-6, 6-2; S Hack (WG) bt A Martinelli (Switz), 6-3, 6-3; A Grunfeld (GB) bt J Thornton (Ire), 6-3, 1-0 retired.

INDIANAPOLIS: Virginia Slims women's tournament: Singles: Final: Halle Cioffi (US) bt A Smith (US), 4-6, 6-4, 7-6; Doubles: Final: J Byrne and M Jaggard (Aus) bt B Bowes (US) and Hu Na (China), 6-2, 6-3.

PARIS: Paris Open: Singles: First round: E Bengoechea (Arg) bt D Pate (US), 6-7, 6-2, 6-2; A Mansdorf (Isr) bt S Davis (US), 6-3, 6-3; T Champion (Fr) bt A Gomez (Ec), 6-3 6-4.

ATP RANKINGS: 1, I Lendl (Cz); 2, S Edberg (Swe); 3, M Wilander (Swe); 4, B Becker (WG); 5, M Mecir (Cz); 6, J Connors (US); 7, P Cash (Aus); 8, Y Noah (Fr); 9, K Carlsson (Swe); 10, J McEnroe (US).

ATP MONEY WINNERS: 1, Lendl (Cz) $918,656 (about £574,000); 2, Edberg $853,742; 3, Mecir $821,729; 4, Wilander $856,419; 5, Cash $378,332; 6, Becker $367,479, 7, McEnroe $365,786; 8, Sanchez $339,399; 9, Gomez $324,522; 10, Connors $312,026.

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Tour matches: Haarlem 14, Bancroft's 23; Amsterdam 12, Bancroft's 28; The Hague 0, Bancroft's 19. Other match: Wymondham 14, North Walsham Colts 0.

HANDBALL

BRITISH LEAGUE: Men: Tryst '77 26, EK's '82 13; Manchester United 20, Birkenhead 19; Strathclyde University 20, Kirkvy Select 32; Ruislip Eagles 20, Ashford Tanners 19. Women: Arcton 15, Tryst 10.

MIDLAND LEAGUE: Men: German Tornados 10, Wolves Poly 0; Leicester B 27, Warwick Jaguars 13; Ipswich Wasps 8, Yago School 19.

SQUASH RACKETS

BARNSLEY: Northern Championship: Yorkshire 1, Lancashire 4.

DURHAM: Spectrum Open Championship: Finals: Men: J Lilley bt S Calvert 9-4, 9-2, 9-1. Women: D Wright bt J Cook 1-9, 9-2, 9-7, 9-5.

ATHLETICS

NEW YORK MARATHON: 1, I Hussein (Ken), 2hr 11min 01sec; 2, G Demadonna (It), 2:11:53; 3, P Pfitzinger (US), 2:11:54; 4, P Peterson (US), 2:12:03; 5, T Ekblom (Fin), 2:12:31; 6, O Pizzolato (It), 2:12:50; 7, B Psurek (Pol), 2:13:38; 8, M Vindis (Yug), 2:13:39; 9, H Jones (GB), 2:14:05; 10, G Meyer (US), 2:14:31. Women: 1, P Welch (GB), 2:30:18; 2, F Bonnet (Fr), 2:31:22; 3, J Villeton (Fr), 2:32:03; 4, R Van Landeghem (Bel), 2:32:38; 5, K Szabo (Hun), 2:34:58; 6, A Sipka (Hun), 2:35:26; 7, L Crisp (US), 2:36:01; 8, M Schaefer (WG), 2:37:40; 9, R Root (US), 2:37:57; 10, N Aerts (Neth), 2:38:18.

BRISTOL: British Aerospace/Mike Sally cross-country race (5 miles): Men: J Richards (Cornwall), 24min 14sec; 2, D McNeilly (Bristol), 24.24; 3, B Knight (Torbay), 24.29. Veteran: A Roper (Swansea H), 25.41. Team: 1, Bristol, 36pts. Women (2½ miles): 1, H Titterington (Leicester Contanians), 13.20. Team: 1, Leicester Contanians, 26pts.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): New York Islanders 6, Boston Bruins 5; Edmonton Oilers 7, New York Rangers 6; Buffalo Sabres 5, Chicago Black Hawks 3; Philadelphia Flyers 4, Los Angeles Kings 1; Hartford Whalers 5, Quebec Nordiques 1; Winnipeg Jets 7, Vancouver Canucks 3.

WALES CONFERENCE

Patrick Division	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
N York Islanders	7	3	1	15	50	32
N Jersey Devils	7	3	0	14	39	25
Washington Cap	6	4	1	13	40	31
N York Rangers	4	6	3	11	54	54
Philadelphia Fl	4	6	2	10	31	45
Pittsburgh Peng	3	6	3	9	45	50
Adams League	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Montreal Can	7	4	2	16	51	40
Buffalo Sabres	5	4	3	13	45	45
Quebec Nrdques	5	4	1	11	43	40
Boston Bruins	5	5	1	11	41	43
Hartford Whalers	5	5	1	11	36	41

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

Norris Division	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Toronto Maple L	6	4	0	12	46	42
Chicago B Hwks	5	6	1	11	51	53
Detroit R Wings	5	4	0	10	30	30
Minnesota N St	4	5	2	9	34	37
St Louis Blues	3	5	1	7	25	29
Smythe Division	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Edmonton Oilers	7	5	0	14	56	47
Winnipeg Jets	6	4	0	12	35	32
Calgary Flames	5	5	1	11	44	44
L Angeles Kings	3	8	1	7	28	49
Vancouver Can	2	7	1	5	36	45

Taylor's post

The former football referee, Jack Taylor, from Wolverhampton, has joined the Football League staff as account executive for the Barclays League. He will liase between the bank and league clubs.

GOLF

Wait over for Watson

San Antonio, Texas (Reuter) — Tom Watson called it "one of the sweetest victories of his career" when he held on to the final holes on Sunday to win the $2 million (£1.1 million) Championship of Golf here.

He birdied the final hole for a two-under-par 68 and a total of 12-under-par 268, two strokes better than his United States compatriot, Chip Beck.

"I'm about the happiest guy in the whole world today," Watson said, who led the tournament from his opening-round 65. "It's been three years of questions," he said, "but it was worth the wait." Watson's last victory was the 1984 Western Open. Sunday's win — the 32nd in his 16-year career — was worth $360,000.

Beck, who shot a closing round of 64, won $216,000 for his second-place 270 and Greg Norman, of Australia, third another stroke back, earned $138,000.

LEADING FINAL AGGREGATES (US unless stated): 268: T Watson. 270: C Beck. 271: G Norman (Aus). 273: P Azinger. 274: B Crenshaw; M Calcavecchia; H Sutton; C Pavin; N Price. 275: M O'Meara; D Pooley. 276: L Mize; F Couples; S Hoch. 278: S Simpson. 280: B Langer (WG); D Frost (SA).

POOLS FORECAST by Paul Newman

Saturday November 7 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION
1 Charlton v Norwich
1 Luton v Newcastle
1 Oxford v Coventry
1 Wimbledon v Soton
Not on coupons: QPR v Watford; West Ham v Sheffield Wednesday

SECOND DIVISION
2 Barnsley v Bradford
1 Blackburn v Oldham
X Bournemth v C Palace
1 Hull v Birmingham
1 Ipswich v Reading
1 Leeds v Shrewsbury
X Leicester v Swindon
1 Man C v Huddersfield
X Sheffield U v Middlesbro
X Stoke v WBA
Not on coupons: Aston Villa v Millwall

THIRD DIVISION
1 Blackpool v Rotherham
1 Bristol R v Chesterfld
X Chester v Walsall
1 Doncaster v Port Vale
2 Fulham v Northampton
1 Gillingham v Brighton
1 Mansfield v Preston
1 Notts Co v Brentford
1 Sunderland v Grimsby
1 Wigan v Southend
1 York v Bury
Not on coupons: Aldershot v Bristol City

FOURTH DIVISION
X Bolton v Leyton O
1 Cardiff v Exeter
2 Hereford v Crewe
X Peterboro v Hartlepool
2 Rochdale v Swansea
1 Scunthorpe v Scarboro
1 Wolves v Burnley
Not on coupons: Carlisle v Newport; Darlington v Cambridge United (Sunday); Halifax v Colchester (Friday); Stockport v Torquay (Friday); Tranmere v Wrexham (Friday)

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE
1 Altrincham v Sutton
1 Barnet v Bath
2 Boston v Runcorn
1 Cheltenham v Fisher
2 Dagenham v Stafford
X Kidderminstr v Kettering
1 Macclesfld v Welling

SCOTTISH PREMIER
1 Dundee v Falkirk
X Dunfermline v St Mirren
X Hearts v Celtic
2 Morton v Aberdeen
2 Motherwell v Dundee U
1 Rangers v Hibernian

SCOTTISH FIRST
X Clydebank v Dumbarton
1 Hamilton v Airdrie
1 Meadowbank v Forfar
1 Partick v Clyde
1 Q of Sth v Kilmarnock
1 Raith v East Fife

SCOTTISH SECOND
2 Alloa v Queen's Pk
1 Arbroath v Stranraer
2 Berwick v Brechin
1 E Stirling v Albion
2 Montrose v Ayr
1 St Johnstone v Cwdnbth
1 Stirling v Stenhsmr

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Bournemouth, Leicester, Sheffield United, Stoke, Chester, Bolton, Peterborough, Kidderminster, Dunfermline, Hearts, Clydebank. Next best: Luton.
BEST DRAWS: Leicester, Stoke, Peterborough, Hearts, Clydebank.
AWAYS: Northampton, Stafford, Aberdeen, Dundee United, Ayr.
HOMES: Ipswich, Leeds, Manchester City, Bristol Rovers, Sunderland, Altrincham, Barnet, Cheltenham, Macclesfield, Rangers, Raith, St Johnstone.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Ipswich, Leeds, Manchester City, Sunderland, Rangers. Aways: Northampton, Swansea, Aberdeen. Draws: Leicester, Stoke Peterborough.

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Private funds for drug testing

By John Goodbody

The Government is this week set to announce a private sponsorship of over £500,000 towards the first two years of its new independent drug control programme, which was yesterday approved by the Sports Council. Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, said that "keen interest" has been shown from the private sector and that he was optimistic that "the package (totalling £1,442,500) will be funded in full."

From April 1 up to 4,000 tests, both in and out of season, will be carried out annually, with the samples being collected by independent officials and not by representatives of governing bodies. Last year, just over 2,000 people were tested.

In September the Minister *told The Times* that some British governing bodies had "made deals" to ensure that certain competitors would not be tested for drugs at important events. His revelation about corruption in the system was one of the most serious to be levelled in British sport, and came after a two-month inquiry and report by the Minister and Sebastian Coe, a vice-chairman of the Sports Council. Moynihan said that this was why he recommended to the Council that independent testing should be carried out

Testing will be done without prior notice, although Bill *Slater, a Council official,* said it would be done sensitively: "We would not be waking people up in the middle of the night."

Several sports, such as rowing, athletics and weightlifting, are already carrying out random testing out of competition.

About 30 governing bodies will be subjected to this programme, and the Council *yesterday reiterated the warning,* first made in 1985, that anybody not adopting affective anti-doping regulations could suffer withdrawal of grants and services.

The drugs control centre at Chelsea will analyse the tests and the governing bodies notified of the results. But a drugs review panel, chaired by Sir Arthur Gold and with representatives of the Sports Coun*cil and the Central Council of* Physical Recreation, plus a medical expert, will also know the results. The panel will report to the Council on the findings of banned substances

The authors of the report said that this was the important step forward in the struggle against drug taking. Coe also emphasized the importance of a declaration last month in Athens by the Eastern European bloc that it was desirable that international federations should perform tests all year round "on condition they do so without fear or favour."

What Britain has started, it is hopeful that other countries will follow.

Tit for tat in pit-a-Pat finish

By Ian Stafford

THE GREAT RACE

It takes a great deal to create excitement on a dull and cold November afternoon in a rural corner of Surrey but the temperature at Lingfield Park yesterday was raised by day one of the last week of the run-in for the jockeys' championship.

Steve Cauthen began and ended the day three wins ahead of his rival, Pat Eddery, after each had scored one victory. The show moves to Leicester today as the two fight out the closest finish to the season since Scobie Breasley beat Lester Piggott by a short head in 1963.

Cauthen had hardly wiped the sleep from his eyes before *winning the first race at* Lingfield, the Willow Maiden Stakes, on the Henry Cecil-trained $1 million debutant, Adbass. Not a great start to the day for Eddery, who trailed over four lengths behind Cauthen's odds-on favourite.

But 90 minutes later he had a winner in the Ken Butler Wines Graduation Stakes: Darnelle, the Khaled Abdulla-*owned odds-on favourite.*

Eddery, who rides as first jockey to Abdulla on a three-year contract said to be worth £3 million, was set to ride at Leicester yesterday but was forced to switch when Abdulla entered Darnelle at Lingfield. After he had watched Cauthen gallop away with the first race, Eddery was probably relieved that Abdulla had provided him with a dead cert to follow.

The tit-for-tat procedure of yesterday is just about typical of the season. In June, after a *triumphant* week at Ascot in which he recorded 10 wins, Cauthen forged 14 ahead in the jockeys' championship. Eddery clawed his way back to level before falling a further nine behind by August. By the first week of October Eddery had established what, at the time, seemed a winning lead of eight. But Cauthen is now the firm favourite to capture his third title.

It is a classic duel between two men who, at least geographically, are oceans apart.

From Kentucky we have Cauthen, aged 27, whose time at Lambourn and Newmarket fails to disguise his Kentucky drawl. At 5ft 7in he has had endless weight problems in his quest for supremacy and is currently on 8st 7lb. The son of a blacksmith, Cauthen was exercising horses — against Kentucky law — when he was only 12 years old. Six years later he was voted Sportsman of the Year in the United States, beating Muhammad *Ali among others.*

From Ireland we have Eddery, aged 35, the son of a former Irish champion called Jimmy Eddery. When he was nine years old Pat used to cycle three miles each morning to a training stable near his Dublin. He is the champion and has won the title five times. At 5ft 6in he holds the evident advantage of weighing a natural 8st 3lb.

"Steve would not have gone racing as many days this season if it was not for the championship," John Hanmer, the BBC com*mentator and Cauthen's* booker of horses, said. "Pat has always been one to go racing given half a chance but, of course, the title is on his mind."

The bookies have Cauthen as their 2-7 favourite to head the table after the close of the season, at Doncaster on Saturday. Terry Ellis, Eddery's brother-in-law and manager, can see why. "All our ammunition has now been fired," he said. "All our Harwood and Tree runners have finished for the season but Cauthen has got some Cecil-backed rides left. On paper the title looks to be going Cauthen's way but there's no such thing as a sure winner."

Minutes after the last race yesterday, Eddery sprinted out of the weighing-room to a Mercedes, to be driven by Ellis to his Aylesbury home; Cauthen followed rapidly to an awaiting Jagnar, *to be driven back to Newmarket.*

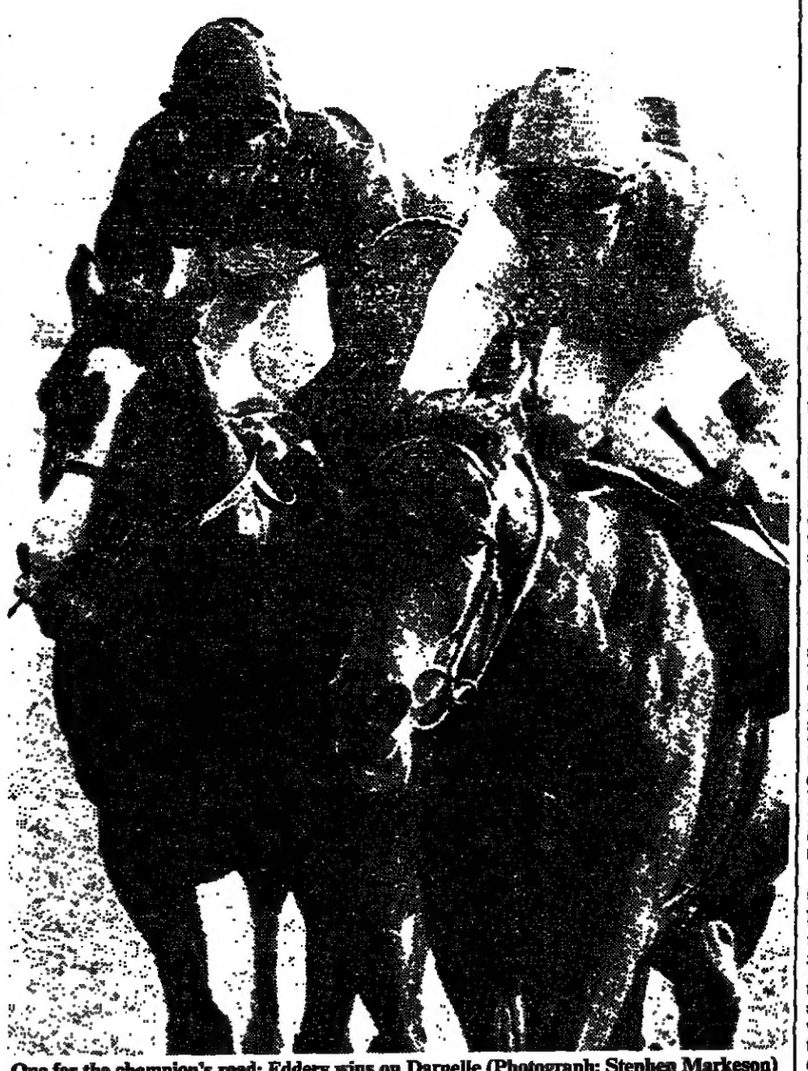
The season began an eternity ago in March and by now both jockeys are looking for as much rest as possible. Three ahead, and having ridden 153 *rides fewer than Eddery,* the American will be feeling satisfied this morning, if a little cautious. "There is still some way to go," he said. "I am pleased that I am ahead but I am not assuming anything."

THE BIG RACE

STEVE CAUTHEN 192
Winners yesterday: one. Adbass (5-6).
Rides today: five — Count Nulin (1.30 Leicester), Mr Chris Cakemaker (2.0), Panel Game (2.30), In Glory (3.0), Magnus Pym (3.30).

PAT EDDERY 189
Winners yesterday: one. Darnelle (8-11).
Rides today: six — Sulois (1.30 Leicester), Highland Laird (2.0), Crae's Figurine (2.30), Apple Rings (3.0), Fast Chick (3.30), Festival Mood (4.0).

(Five Flat racing days remaining)



One for the champion's road: Eddery wins on Darnelle (Photograph: Stephen Markeson)

END COLUMN

Three cheers for the Fiscal

By Edward Grayson

*Barrister and author of Sport and the Law**

Three hearty cheers for Glasgow's Procurator-Fiscal, Sandy Jessop, from every true sports lover and citizen who respects authority off the field as well as on it when the two collide, as they did at Ibrox Park two weeks ago. For the players concerned cannot say they were not warned.

At the beginning of last season they were put on notice by not only the Scottish Football Association (SFA) but also by Scotland's Solicitor-General, Mr Peter Fraser, QC. He said he would be advising prosecutions for offences on the field.

And David Will, the SFA president, chairman of Brechin City and a solicitor, said: "Having spent most of the close season stressing that every effort was to be made to stamp out violent conduct and serious indiscipline on the field, the association was appalled to learn that the first day of the new season had been marred by one of the most serious incidents witnessed in Scottish football in recent years".

Resulting from all that, Graeme Souness was suspended for three matches, Rangers were fined £5,000 and Hibernian were fined £1,000. Will emphasized: "It is a relief that we are able to record that actions by players which would have led to a riot had they occurred on the terraces did not spark off catastrophic crowd trouble."

If that had happened, there would have been a clear breach of the peace. To avoid this position, the law provides for a contingency, "*likely to provoke a breach of the peace.*" This is what the police now say happened in the match between Rangers and Celtic a fortnight ago. And if the evidence is there, what should they do? Await the riot? Or, rather, wait for the curious ambiguous attitude to develop of Bert Millichip, chairman of the Football Association (and also a solicitor), as quoted yesterday: "If the football authorities are not able to deal with organization and discipline at their own matches, it is a sad state of affairs."

It certainly is and who other than the football authorities in England are responsible for it?

Giles: pride and shame

Did Millichip read what his own former player-manager was quoted as saying in August in respect of the progress of Leeds United? John Giles's reported words were: "I get a rush of pride when I think of the great years with Leeds United. I also feel shame . . . now I can see clearly enough that we stretched the rules to *breaking point . . . we went too* far, too ruthless. I went too far . . . we did and we prospered. We never thought there might be a day when we would wonder if the price was too high."

Was any action taken against Giles by his former club chairman, Millichip, over that quotation? Did Millichip make any comment in 1983, when Chris Hutchings, of Chelsea, was prosecuted for conduct likely to provoke a breach of the peace in the crowd at Brighton?

Millichip should reflect upon what Alan Grimsdell did last season as Rugby Football Union (RFU) president. When Wade Dooley broke an opponent's cheekbone in a rough house in the Wales-England international earlier this year, the RFU hierarchy wasted no time in banning from selection the offender and three other players.

Where does Millichip's responsibility lie? Where did the Wimbledon authorities' responsibility lie when they allowed John McEnroe to continue his abusive conduct which, also, could have been argued as likely to provoke a breach of the peace?

Surely Millichip as a solicitor must realize that no sportsman or sportswoman can be above the law; and that if a game cannot control itself, what are the police to do? Stand back and do nothing, or respond to Scotland's leadership, which all should applaud, however unfortunate the circumstances?

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Butcher becomes fourth player to be charged

By Roddy Forsyth

Terry Butcher yesterday became the fourth player to be charged in connection with the Rangers-Celtic match on October 17.

Like his Rangers team colleagues, Graham Roberts and Chris Woods, and Frank McAvennie, of Celtic, he has been accused of conduct likely to provoke a breach of the peace, an offence for which the maximum penalties are three months imprisonment or a fine of £2,000 or both.

Whenever Glasgow's Procurator-Fiscal has finished with his interest in the 'Old Firm' game there will be another inquiry this time held by the Scottish Football Association

The SFA decided on a full-scale inquest yesterday after a two-hour study of a detailed report by the match referee, Jim Duncan. At least Rangers had the consolation of hearing the SFA secretary, Ernie Walker, say there was no substance to allegations that another person connected with Rangers had been reported by the referee because of an incident which supposedly took place before the match.

The avalanche of publicity threatens to rumble on remorselessly. The Scottish footballer's friend in parliament, the Labour MP, Brian Wilson, is to table a Commons question about the prosecution of Butcher and his fellow players. The Solicitor General, Peter Fraser, will be asked to reply.

Against such a background it seems almost incidental that Rangers fly to Poland this morning knowing that the prize of a place in the quarter-finals of the European Cup will be theirs if they can produce a competent performance against Gornik, who trail 3-1 from the second-round first leg in Scotland a fortnight ago.

In the first half, Gornik's performance can aptly be described as amateur, yet after the interval they looked perfectly capable of being very troublesome for Rangers in front of goal.

The Ibrox team has frequently produced dazzling football this season only to struggle in the later stages of games. Part of the problem may well be caused by the draining schedule facing any successful Scottish club.

A League campaign of 44 games plus cup matches, which in Rangers' case already include an extended final against Aberdeen, as well as European ties and whatever demands may be made by the national squad, is hardly the formula for Continental success. However, if Rangers can minimize the impact of the latest round of garish publicity attached to the club they can move on in the competition

● Ron Atkinson, the West Bromwich Albion manager, will issue a statement this morning to clarify reports of an incident involving his players during the club's trip to Portugal last week. Meanwhile, four England under-21 internationals — Mark Brennan, Jason Dozzell, Dale Gordon and Robert Rosario — have been dropped for drinking before a match in Toulon in June.

Ferguson after Lawrenson

By Ian Ross

Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, is ready to bolster his side's fading championship challenge by signing Mark Lawrenson, *Liverpool's unsettled Republic* of Ireland international defender.

***Lawrenson,* who is now aged 30 but still regarded as one of the finest centre backs in European football, is at present unable to hold down a regular first-team place at Liverpool. Although Kenny Dalglish, the Liverpool manager, has made it clear that he is determined to keep together *one of the largest senior* squads in Britain, Lawrenson is known to be unhappy at recent developments.**

Ferguson sees Lawrenson as the ideal man to partner Paul McGrath, his international colleague, at the heart of a defence which has been plagued by inconsistency all season.

Four weeks ago Ferguson announced that Bryan Robson would spend the remainder of the season in defence, but if Lawrenson can be persuaded *to move to Old Trafford the* England captain would be allowed to resume midfield duties.

Though Lawrenson is now very much at the veteran stage of his career — after more than 600 senior appearances spanning more than twelve years — Liverpool are likely to demand, and receive, a fee of around £800,000.

Since Lawrenson was *dropped from the Liverpool* team in early October, he has been linked with several leading first division sides, including Derby County, Chelsea and Tottenham Hotspur, but if he is to move away from Anfield he would undoubtedly prefer a northern club.

Ticket requests raise suspicion

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The Rugby Football Union is investigating clubs and schools who, they believe, *may* have applied for international match tickets with the intention of selling them to commercial organizations.

"We have identified some 30 applications from schools and nine from clubs which seem highly suspicious." Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary, said yesterday. "They are from schools and clubs who do not normally apply for tickets — one is from a school which now plays rugby league, wanting tickets worth £2,800.

"I have written to the headmasters of the schools, requesting a signed assurance that the tickets are for the school members, staff or parents. We are short of replies to those requests." Wood said that there was a "strong West *Country bias" to the sus*picious applications, though he would not name the individual bodies.

The RFU has already received an indignant blast from schools and clubs who object to commercial organizations writing to them asking whether they are willing to sell tickets, *particularly for the* game against Wales on February 6, for anything between £50 and £100 (the price of a prime seat at Twickenham is £16).

"The feeling of the whole rugby world is very *strongly* against this activity," Wood said. "There is a lot of money at stake for those hoping to get tickets but we will do everything we can to make sure tickets go to genuine supporters of the game."

The RFU has identified a certain common formula in the applications they regard as suspicious, in the number and positions of tickets applied for. The cash value of the ticket applications for the two home internationals, against Wales and Ireland, is £2.4 million, involving some 3,000 application forms from affiliated bodies, but the RFU ticket staff have been able to spot those they regard as potentially false claimants by the size of their requests.

Of that £2.4 million worth of applications, an artificial *figure because clubs and* schools always apply for more tickets than they want, more than half will be returned because a full ground at two internationals brings in just under £1 million (Twickenham holds 62,000, of whom 44,000 are seated). Indeed, Twickenham could almost be filled by those who apply for the 15,500 top-priced tickets.

Twickenham's capacity will *be marginally increased by* some 500 places this season by the erection of temporary hospitality boxes,

Corinthian dream puts London on Cup trail

By Barry Pickthall

Five former Olympic oars*man, two doctors, a solicitor,* a dentist, a graphic artist and five other friends emerged yesterday as the power behind the last-minute challenge by the Royal Canoe Club (RCC) for the America's Cup.

Each has raised £1,000 towards the $25,000 payment on a dream that Londoners will have the *willingness,* resources and expertise to achieve what has so far eluded 11 British millionaires over the past 136 years — win back the 'Auld Mug.'

The syndicate, headed by Brian Hayes, the RCC's commodore and Martin Baucher, a member, was formed last week. The team as yet have no links with a designer, scientists or builder and no clues yet on who should sail their dream boat. The single ideal driving these men to part with their non-returnable deposit is a Corinthian effort, backed, they hope, by a groundswell of *enthusiasm from Londoners.*

"If everyone in London put a pound *into the challenge,* we would have £8 million to start with." Baucher said.

When it was suggested that £20 million might be the figure needed to beat Dennis Conner at his own game, Baucher remained unabashed: "Every time we asked someone for £1,000 last week, the money was put on the table."

The mysterious Isis Corinthian YC, which also put in a *late challenge, appears to have* greater substance. Behind them is John Prentice, who skippered Battlecry for Britain in the 1975 Admiral's Cup. Prentice has taken over the reins of Richard Branson's proposed challenge after Branson lost interest when the Cup became embroiled in a legal battle.

The team, which includes the designer, Ian Howlett, Lawrie Smith and Rodney Pattisson, hope that Prentice will quickly give them the go-ahead *to continue tank testing.*

Attempt to halt delays

The International 12-metre Association has called on *Philip Tollhurst, the solicitor* for Graham Walker's British America's Cup challenge syndicate, to mediate between San Diego and the New Zealanders over Michael Fay's contentious 90ft challenge for the America's Cup (Barry Pickthall writes).

The New York Supreme Court is adjudicating the case, but according to Walker, Tollhurst will not intercede, only try to negotiate that both parties agree to abide by the judicial decision to avoid a lengthy appeal which would hamper the plans of all syndicates for the next challenge.

● The association also voted to allow four moveable underwater appendages so designers can develop forward rudders and rotating wings on keels.

England men warned

Bert Millichip, the chairman of the Football Association, is to spell out to England players the increasing danger to their careers, as a result of the decision to bring charges against Terry Butcher, Chris Woods and Graham Roberts of Rangers and Celtic's Frank McAvennie, following the *match at Ibrox on October 17.*

Millichip, a solicitor, will warn players before next week's European Championship game against Yugoslavia, that they could end up in court if they get involved in violent or provacative incidents on the field.

"There is no doubt at all that if players seriously transgress in future their international futures will be at stake, " warned Millichip. "You may be sure the England squad will be told in no uncertain terms what is expected of them."

However Millichip added: "*It is not my place to say* whether law officers should or should not take a hand, because special circumstances can apply. But as a general rule football itself is better equipped to act quickly , decisively and appropriately whenever action is required."

SPORT IN BRIEF

Ice pairing disband

Elizabeth Coates and Alan Abretti, the second-ranked British ice darts couple, have dissolved their partnership. They had been expected to be members of the British European championship team for Prague in January, having finished twelfth at Sarajevo last year.

Only one place, however, is open to Britain in the Olympic and world championships later in the season and that is almost certain to go to Sharon Jones and Paul Askham, who defend their British title at Bracknell on Saturday week. Abretti is looking for a new partner but Miss Coates has decided to withdraw from competition.

Show dates

David Broome and his sister Liz Edgar will compete in the the Paderborn Horse Show in West Germany from November 6 to 8, where they will be joined by fellow British riders, Emma Mac and Michael Whitaker.

Notice: historic goal

Notice quest

Horace Notice, the Commonwealth champion, will become the first British heavyweight champion to win a Lonsdale belt outright since Henry Cooper, who won three, if he defeats Paul Lister in Sunderland tonight.

League probe

The Rugby League are considering disciplinary action against players involved in a fracas during the John Smith Yorkshire Cup final replay between Bradford Northern and Castleford last Saturday.

Honours even

England's Under-24 women's lacrosse team held the powerful American touring side to a 3-3 draw at Oswestry yesterday after a last minute England goal was disallowed. Di Stearn (2) and Jo Sladen scored for England.

Helping hand

Bob Appleyard, the former Yorkshire and England bowler, is returning as a coach to improve the county's slow bowling. Appleyard, aged 63, took 200 wickets in his first season of first-class cricket in 1951 and claimed 31 victims *at 17.87 each in Test matches.*

Davis signs on

West Indian fast bowler Winston Davis, aged 29, has confirmed that he will play for Northamptonshire again next season, international calls permitting.

Just the ticket

Based on ticket sales, the total official attendance figure for last week's European Community tennis championship in Antwerp was $185,733, (about £116,000) a world record for an indoor tournament.

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